NATO Okays Beginning Preparation for IFOR Pullout

BRUSSELS (AFP) — The NATO council Wednesday authorized the commander of allied forces in Europe, General George Joulwan, to begin preparations for a withdrawal of NATO-led peacekeeping troops from Bosnia, a NATO official said.

The official told AFP Joulwan "has been authorized to work on the period from elections (in Bosnia on September 14) to the end of the IFOR mission" on December 2.

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Pakistan President Proposes Peace Talks With India

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — *President Farooq* Leghari on Wednesday proposed talks with its often hostile neighbor India saying a fourth war on the Asian subcontinent would bring "untold misery."

"Confrontation and armed conflicts have never solved problems permanently," Leghari said in a speech to the National Defense College in Pakistan capital of Islamabad.

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Yeltsin Ahead of Zyuganov



MOSCOW, Russian Federation (July 3): Russian President Boris Yeltsin casts his vote at a polling station in the village of Barvikha, near Moscow, in the second round of presidential elections in Russia. *(AFP PHOTO)*

MOSCOW (AFP) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin was ahead of his communist challenger Gennady Zyuganov in Wednesday's presidential run-off election, according to an early exit poll shown on CNN television.

It gave no figures or other indications of the lead, but only showed a trend, Cable News Network (CNN) said.

It took into account only 118 of Russia's 93,000 polling stations.

Early partial results from the *Far East also showed* Yeltsin ahead of Zyuganov, Interfax news agency reported.

In the Magadan region, a count of about 30 percent of returns showed Yeltsin on 65.89 percent and Zyuganov on 25.17 percent.

In Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, a count of returns at 42 out of 78 polling stations showed Yeltsin on 58 percent and Zyuganov on 34 percent, local election officials said.

All polling stations closed at 10:00 p.m. local time, the last at *1900GMT in Kaliningrad.*

Egypt "Better Off" Without U.S. Aid

CAIRO (AFP) — Egypt would be "better off" without American aid, a newspaper editor in chief considered close to President Hosni Mubarak wrote Wednesday, accusing Israel of seeking to blackmail Cairo through the U.S..

In an article titled "Blackmail" in his weekly *Al-Musawwar*, Makram Mohammed Ahmed said: "Egypt has long taken into consideration that American aid could be reduced *or stopped in the long or short* term."

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Khorasan Petrochemical Complex Operational



Mojtaba Takin — Tehran Times

BOJNORD (July 3) — President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani opening the Khorasan Petrochemical Complex yesterday. The complex, 17 km away from Bojnord, has the capacity to produce 500,000 tons of urea fertilizer annually. It has the capacity to produce 330,000 tons of ammonia.

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — The giant petrochemical complex of Khorasan went on *stream* at presence of President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani on Wednesday, IRNA reported.

The complex has the capacity of producing 330,000 tons of ammonia and 500,000 tons of urea fertilizer.

The complex, completed at a cost of Rls.1,000 billion, makes Iran self-sufficient in urea chemical fertilizers and saves Iran some $120 million annually.

The project will also create jobs, provide technical training opportunities and transfer of technology and render assistance to other industries.

Meanwhile, simultaneous with the arrival *in Bojnourd of President* Rafsanjani, the city's airport was officially inaugurated.

The airport's 60-meter wide runway is 3,360 meters long, 2,700 meters of which have been completed. The project, undertaken *in* 1994, is predicted to cost Rls.28,000 million.

The airport will accomodate two weekly flights to Tehran and the *provincial capital of Mashhad.*

Rafsanjani said that his administration is determined to speed up the pace *of development* and construction projects in this northeastern province.

The president, who arrived in Khorasan Province Yesterday to inaugurate a number of development projects, further told reporters at Bojnourd Airport that Khorasan Province *will be turned into* a major axis and crossroads in the region.

While in the province the presi-

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CIRO Head Underlines Cooperation Between Islam and Europe

TASKHIRI

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — In a message to the second conference on the dialogue between Islam and the Europe, Head of the Culture and Islamic Relations *Organization* (CIRO), Hojjatoleslam Ali Taskhiri, underlined cooperation between Islam and the Europe.

The 3-day conference on dialogue between Islam and Europe is being held in Oxford, Britain, under the title of "Conflict or Cooperation". It is the second one out of the projected 6 conferences on the dialogue between Islam and Europe.

The conference aims at obliterating misunderstandings between Islam *and the West* and reinforcement of bilateral relations and promotion of cooperation between the two great civilizations.

Secretary General of the United Nations Education and Scientific

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Bahrain, Iran Agree to Improve Relations



SHARA

MANAMA (AFP) — Syria has persuaded Bahrain and Iran to *lift* a cloud cast over their relations, the Bahraini press reported Wednesday.

"Bahrain and Iran have agreed to end their media campaigns *to improve their bilateral* ties," Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq al-Shara told newspapers.

On Tuesday he gave Bahraini Emir Issa ibn Salman al-Khalifa a message from Syrian President Hafez al-Assad on the second leg of a shuttle mission between Tehran and Manama.

Shara said he was "satisfied with the *efforts made by Syria to* clear up the misunderstanding or the differences between Iran and Bahrain" as well as the "positive attitude" of the countries' leaders.

Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed ibn Mubarak al-Khalifa welcomed the Syrian mediation "which has allowed a halt to the press campaign, the *first step towards resuming* relations."

Shara arrived in Manama from Tehran Tuesday *where* he met with his Iranian counterpart Ali Akbar Velayati and President Ali *Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani* for talks on the Islamic Republic's relations with its Arab *neighbors.*

It was his second shuttle mission after a similar trip on Saturday.

Iraq's UN Mission Attacks U.S. Objections

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter) — Iraq's UN mission said on Tuesday that U.S. objections to Baghdad's plan for distributing *humanitarian aid were designed to* "poison the atmosphere" and put the brakes on UN "oil for food" *scheme.*

The comments made in a statement came in response to charges on *Monday* by U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright that Iraq was seeking to distort a humanitarian scheme *to provide* Iraqis with food and medicine, by including such items as telephone switching equipment, computers and helicopter parts.

Under a *May 20* memorandum of understanding between Iraq and the United Nations, Iraq would be *able* to sell $2 billion worth of oil over six months to buy humanitarian supplies to *alleviate the effects of sanctions* imposed since Baghdad invaded

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U.S. Opposed to Muslim Countries Having Nuclear Programs

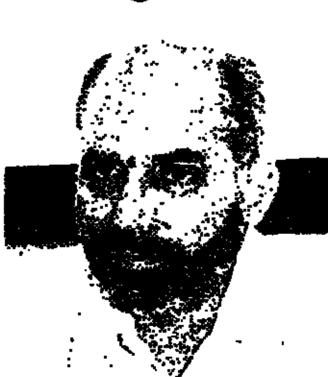
Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — The U.S. is opposed to the establishment of a nuclear power program or efforts to achieve educational progress by Muslim countries, Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Reza Amrollahi told the *Tehran Times* recently.

Describing the Zionist regime as an agent of U.S. interests, Amrollahi, also a deputy for the president, *said that its refusal to* sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) is not taken as a serious offense by Washington, unlike Pakistan and India whose *refusal to sign is made a big issue.*

Accusing Iran of attempting to build up a *nuclear weapons program*, Amrollahi said the issue is again exploited by the U.S. to tarnish the prestige of the Islamic Republic, as well as other Muslim countries around the world.

The White House works *to*



AMROLLAHI

suppress any gains made by these countries, he emphasized.

Asked about the reported nuclear power station being constructed in Bushehr, Amrollahi said an agreement was concluded with the German company Siemens *but that implementation* was suspended during the succeeding 12 years.

"*Iran, in cooperation with*

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And that the hearts of those who do not believe in the hereafter may incline to it and that they may be well pleased with it and that they may earn what they are going to earn (of evil).

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OPINION

Iran's Interference in Bahrain, an American Fairy Tale

Syrian Foreign Minister Faruq al-Shara has launched a shuttle diplomacy to help remove misunderstandings between Iran and Bahrain.

The reason we need mediation is that Bahrain believes we are interfering in its internal affairs, while we have said several times that we *are not*.

One reason we are not interfering in Bahrain's internal affairs is that we are dependent on oil which we export through the Persian Gulf. We need security in the region for the smooth transportation of oil which is the lifeblood of Iranian industry. Any upheaval in its littoral states would disturb the security of the Persian Gulf.

Insecurity in the Persian Gulf is a serious threat both to Iran and its neighbors. The strategy we have adopted to maintain the security of the region differs from that of our friends.

The U.S. and the Arab countries of the Persian Gulf have realized that security in the region is a matter of life and death for regional states.

The West, in general, and the U.S., in particular, have tried to project an imaginary threat in the region in order to sell arms. Earlier it was communism; today it is Iran.

Unfortunately, lacking popular support at home, some of the regional countries have bought the theory which is aimed at scaring the regional countries, forcing them to buy arms in order to safeguard the smooth transportation of oil to industrialized countries.

Iran believes that regional security can be maintained through cooperation among the regional countries without interference of alien forces.

This is why the U.S., the main foreign power with a massive presence in the Persian Gulf, spares no effort in portraying Iran as a threat to the region.

We welcome Syria's shuttle diplomacy because it is aimed at removing the misunderstandings between Tehran and Manama. But our Arab brothers should accept the basic fact that Iran is a reliable friend for all Muslim countries, especially its neighbors, given the fact that the Muslim world has a common enemy with a declared strategy to expand from the Nile to the Euphrates.

Missile Maneuver Ends in Persian Gulf Waters

BANDAR ABBAS, Hormuzgan Province (IRNA) — The missile maneuver code-named Falaq-5 launched by the Naval Forces of the Army and Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) ended successfully in the Persian Gulf waters Wednesday.

In the third and last stage of the 4-day war games, installation of missile pads, hypothetical firing of two missiles against intercepted targets, operations against hypothetical enemy commandoes and interception of targets were carried out successfully.

The participant forces also performed operation to thwart hypothetical enemy's chemical attacks.

Missile sites of the Khatam ul-Anbia Headquarters as well as missile units of the Naval Forces of the Army and IRGC attended the war exercise aimed at enhancing the combat readiness of the participant forces.

VELAYATI:

Iran Bolstering Regional Cooperation

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — The Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, attending the fifth tripartite gathering of Iran, Turkmenistan and Armenia's foreign ministers in Ashkhabad, said on Wednesday that the Islamic Republic of Iran plays a vital part in the expansion of economic relations, given its solid economic potentials in the areas of transport, industries and agriculture.

He added that Iran views the trilateral cooperation between Iran, Turkmenistan and Armenia as beneficial to each of the three countries.

"The rapid construction of the international Mashhad-Sarakhs-Tajan railway with the effective and useful cooperation of Turkmenistan, Iran's friendly neighbor, bears witness to Iran's following the policy of expanding regional cooperation," Velayati noted.

The Iranian minister further regarded the promotion of trilateral cooperation by the Islamic Republic of Iran as 'quite significant' and in line with the top priorities on the agenda of the country's foreign policy.

Velayati also proposed that an



independent secretariat be set up so that it would follow up the executive measures to carry out the decisions made and call a gathering, when needed, to be attended by the deputy heads of the delegations. He made the proposal based on the emphasis put by the presidents of the three countries on upgrading the level of tripartite cooperation.

"At this juncture, the expansion of multilateral cooperation plays a key role in the development of the member countries and promotion of regional and international peace, stability and security," the Iranian minister pointed out, adding "The constructive understanding reached by the three countries on a banking accord has paved the way for the promotion of commercial ties and implementation of each country's projects in the other two countries."

Velayati concluded by expressing gratitude to Turkmenistan for its hosting the gathering. The fifth foreign ministerial gathering will wind up on Thursday.

UN Aid to Refugees Residing in Iran Inadequate

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — The UN annual aid to refugees in Iran is not adequate for a year, but for a week only, said Deputy Head of the Interior Ministry's Organization for Expatriates and Refugees Affairs Abdolreza Haji Arab in Ramsar, Mazandaran Province, Tuesday.

According to IRNA, Haji Arab added that in Iran there are 2.5 million refugees whose expense amounts to $2.00 each per day.

The Iranian official called on international organizations to increase their aids to Iran for the upkeep of the refugees.

Refugees in Iran come mainly from neighboring Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as Bangladesh and certain other Asian countries.

Iranian Ambassador, Indian Defense Minister Confer

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — The Ambassador of the Islamic Republic to India Ali Reza Sheikh Attar on Tuesday held talks with India's Union Defense Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav and discussed bilateral cooperation in various areas, particularly defense and education.

Expressing satisfaction over the current state of bilateral cooperation between India and Iran, the two hoped that Indo-Iranian ties will keep strengthening in the future.

Sheikh Attar also extended Iran's defense minister's invitation to Mulayam Singh Yadav to visit Iran.

RUSSIAN DEPUTY FM:

Iran's Role in Preserving Regional Security Significant

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — The Islamic Republic's role in maintaining regional security is significant, stated the Russian Deputy Foreign Minister for Middle Eastern and Arab States' Affairs Victor Posouvaliuk on Tuesday.

Posouvaliuk made the remark in a meeting with the Iranian Deputy Chairman of the Majlis Foreign Policy Commission Mohammad Javad Larijani, an IRNA report from Moscow said.

The Russian official termed Tehran-Moscow ties friendly and close, saying that long-term security in the region would not be established without participation and presence of Iran.

Stressing that in the light of the existing potentials Tehran-Moscow cooperation is of immense importance, he voiced Moscow's willingness to actively cooperate with Iran to resolve crisis in Tajikistan.

Stating that the ties between Iran and Russia have entered a crucial and important stage, Larijani predicted a bright prospect for bilateral cooperation.

Larijani arrived in Moscow Friday to attend the International Seminar on Education and Information held with the initiative of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

On regional cooperation between the two countries, Larijani said Russia can play an important role in establishing security and stability as well as creating an atmosphere of trust in the Persian Gulf region and preserving the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq. He voiced Iran's readiness to cooperate with Russia in these fields.

Iran believes in resolving the Tajik crisis through political dialog, he said adding, active and broad cooperation of Iran and Russia can guarantee establishment of peace and launching of reconstruction efforts in Tajikistan.

The seminar opened at Moscow University on July 2 and is to end next Saturday.

Larijani held another meeting with the Russian President, Boris Yeltsin's Chief Advisor in International Affairs, Dimitri Riorikov on Tuesday.

In the meeting the two sides surveyed the grounds for the two countries' cooperation, especially on the issue of detente from the region.

Riorikov called for Iran's greater role in settlement of Tajikistan crisis at the threshold of the new round of

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Vaezi Meets Turkmen Foreign Minister

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — The Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Euro-American Affairs Mahmoud Vaezi met with the Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan, Boris Sheikh Moradov in Ashkhabad Tuesday.

According to IRNA, in the meeting Vaezi reiterated that a year-long cooperation between Iran, Turkmenistan and Ukraine, had benefitted the three states.

The foreign minister of Turkmenistan, in response, expressed pleasure with the steadily improving relations between the two neighboring countries and appreciated the good offices thus far offered by the Iranian officials.

Vaezi, Iran's Foreign Ministry envoy is in Ashkhabad for an introductory assembly to the ministerial meet held Wednesday between the foreign ministers of Iran, Turkmenistan and Armenia.



Iran-Netherlands Aviation Cooperation Discussed

TEHRAN (IRNA) — New Dutch Ambassador to Tehran, Max Demme, conferred with Managing Director of the Islamic Republic Airline (Homa) Hassan Shafti, here on Wednesday, on ways to expand mutual cooperation in aviation field.

According to the Public Relations Department of Homa, at the meeting, Shafti briefed the Dutch diplomat on the activities of Homa and called for expansion of aviation cooperation between the two countries.

Homa started its first weekly flight to Amsterdam in June, 1994, and its second flight was conducted on May 21, 1996.

Iran's Defense Program Aims at Redressing Persian Gulf Balance

LONDON (IRNA) — Contrary to some Western perceptions and voiced alarm, *Jane's International Defense Review* says that it is important to consider the justifications behind Iran's rearmament drive.

The reasons, it put into context, were that the country's arsenal was depleted during the imposed 1980-1988 Iraqi war and the vast technological gap created between Iranian forces and those of other Persian Gulf states since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

The so-called alarm, according to many defense analysts, is a gross overreaction. Even U.S. congressional research service put Iran's total arms bill between 1990 and 1994 at $5.1 billion in comparison to Saudi Arabia's imports of $29.4 bn.

Jane's suggested that the concern was more to do with the absence of Iraq as a countering influence in the area and the impact on the regional military balance, in which Iran was seeking to restore.

In its review of Iran's defense procurement program, it reported that the country had made significant progress in domestic arms-making capabilities and in widening the technological threshold of its industrial complex.

Iran was keen to acquire military know-how and dual-use technologies and in terms of employment in defense industries, occupied a leading position within the developing world, outstripping such countries as Sweden, the monthly said.

It suggested that most of Iran's military needs were met through orders between 1989 and 1992 and the drop in expenditure since was consistent with the government's assessment of the country's security environment and strength of Armed Forces.

Jane's virtually ruled out Iran's arms imports posing any immediate and serious challenge to its southern neighbors or Western interests in the region.

Instead it believed it was Iran's build-up of its Armed Forces, military operations, preparedness and sustainable supply of weapons that were not open to U.S. control which provided cause for the U.S. to intensify its containment strategy.

Two unfortunate side-effects were seen by the magazine resulting from U.S. policy.

Firstly, it said it had produced a shift between Iran, pushed increasingly into the European-Asian orbit of economic and military alliances, and the Persian Gulf states, brought under a measure of U.S. influence.

Furthermore, tensions in the U.S.-Iranian standoff were said to have increased, causing both to escalate their military preparedness in the region and with it the chances of direct confrontation.

Jane's concluded in its review that it was military confrontation of this sort, which the Persian Gulf states had wanted to avoid at all costs and going into politically damaging security pacts with leading Western powers.

In the present political and military climate, it suggested that a reversal of the pattern appeared unlikely.





Mojtaba Takin — Tehran Times

BOJNORD (July 3) — President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani waiting in one of the lounges of the Bojnourd airport before opening the Bojnord Airport here yesterday. The airport, capable of accommodating huge airplanes has a runway of 3,360 meters long. The cost of its construction is 17 billion rials.

Rls.2,380bn in Subsidies for Basic Commodities

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — Some Rls.2,380 billion has been earmarked for the basic commodities during the current year (started March 20).

The allocation was approved during the Monday session of the High Economic Council chaired by President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, IRNA reported.

The session also decided that a maximum 30 percent of the due increased payments for the current year to factories producing vehicles, steel, copper and aluminium be paid to the Organization for Protection of Consumers and Producers.

The money will be put at the disposal of domestic car manufacturing companies and investment projects of the Mines and Metals Ministry for production of steel, copper and aluminium.

First Regional Conference on Traceka Project Concluded

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — The press-service of Caspian Shipping Company reported a short time ago that the first regional conference on Traceka project was over in Almaty and representatives of Caspian Shipping Company attended the conference.

The representatives of the coordination center for the project and experts have discussed multimodal transport, policy for railroad and auto transportation, convention on navigation, transport agreements and treaties, amendments to civil codes, financing of international trade and other urgent issues.

In order to draw the trade and transport fields closer to the international standards, it has been proposed to assess all positive aspects resulting from joining international transport conventions and agreements.

Dragon Has Two Eyes, Shanghai VS. HK

SHANGHAI (Reuter) — The Hong Kong official paused to consider the question: "Will the city of Shanghai overtake the territory after it reverts to China in mid-1997?"

"The Dragon," he replied, "has two eyes."

He was expressing the hope that while competition between the twin cities of Shanghai and Hong Kong is growing, there will be plenty of room in the ballooning Chinese economy for both cities to prosper.

Shanghai currently is China's main financial center, its biggest port and its most cosmopolitan city.

But all that ends in a year's time, on July 1, 1997, when Britain hands Hong Kong and its international, sophisticated economy back to China.

In the longer term, Shanghai has a good chance to become China's premier trade and finance center, analysts say, given its size and location and solid industrial base.

But Hong Kong to the South will have for some years huge advantages — a free market economy, a convertible currency and stable laws and regulations.

It also has a promise from Beijing that under the "one country two systems" model, China will not interfere with its basic structure.

"If China practices 'one country two systems', although I think they may not be able to do it, then Hong Kong will continue to grow, helping China and helping other people," said a senior accountant based in Hong Kong.

"But if China cannot fulfil its promise, then Hong Kong will disappear. They have the will, but as to whether they have the knowledge and ability to let it go on as it is, I cannot answer."

China's top official on Hong Kong, Lu Ping, in a speech in mid-June, addressed anxieties that Hong Kong would lose its position as a financial center to Shanghai.

2,700 Industrial Projects Go on Stream

Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN — Some 2,700 industrial units went on stream, during the past Iranian year (ended March 19) out of a total of 8,500 semi-finished projects, IRNA reported.

More than 110 industrial units were giant projects, said Director General of Planning of the Industries Ministry Alireza Emami here Tuesday.

A great part of the units belonged to chemical, celuloid as well as ferrous and nonferrous industries.

The utilization of the new units increased the country's cheese production by 38,500 tons, refrigerator compressors by one million, gearbox for diesel vehicles by 46,500 tons, worsted fabric by one million meters, tire for car and bicycle 13,500 tons, tile 12.5 million square meters and cement 4,000 tons a day during the past year.

During last year foreign companies put forward proposals for cooperation in 16 industrial units, amounting to $355 million, he said adding, 14 of which with the value of $352 million were approved by the council of ministers.

The projects include industrial dye, heavy diesel engine, electronic industries, chemicals and oil equipment.

As for employment, he said that during the Second Development Plan (1995-1999), a growth rate of four percent has been projected in employment as a result of which between 35,000 to 40,000 jobs will be created annually, reaching 200,000 by 1999.

The new projects which became operational last year created about 58,000 new jobs, he added.

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Exit Papers to Be Issued to Afghan Refugees in Bushehr

BUSHEHR (IRNA) — The Expatriates Bureau of this southern province announced on Wednesday that exit papers are to be issued from now on to those Afghan refugees living in the province whose residence permits have expired.

According to the announcement, this group of Afghan refugees have been asked to receive their exit papers from governorates in the province from July 6-21.

The bureau stressed that the residence permits of the refugees will not be renewed and those refugees failing to receive exit papers would be treated according to the law.

Rls.594 bn Injected Into 124 New Industrial Units in C. Province

ARAK, Central Province — A total of Rls. 594.09 billion was injected into the industrial sector for setting up 124 production units in the Central Province during the first quarter of the current calendar year (started March 20), said Managing Director of the provincial industries department on Wednesday, as reported by IRNA.

Morteza Emami added that the said units will be engaged in activities such as mining, metalwork, foodstuff processing, textile production and manufacture of electrical and electronic appliances.

Some 2,600 job opportunities would be created in the province once all the 124 units go on stream, noted the official.

Third OIC Post-Telecom Ministrial Meeting to Be Held in Tehran



Abbas Takin — Tehran Times

TEHRAN — P.T.T. Minister Mohammad Gharazi *talking here to press.*

TEHRAN (IRNA) — Minister of Post, Telegraph and Telephone Mohammad Gharazi said on Wednesday that the third session of post and telecommunication ministers of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) is to be held here from July 8-11.

Speaking to reporters, the minister added that in the meeting experts and ministers of post and telecommunication of the OIC member states will discuss cooperation in a number of fields including utilization of their available potentials and holding of training workshops.

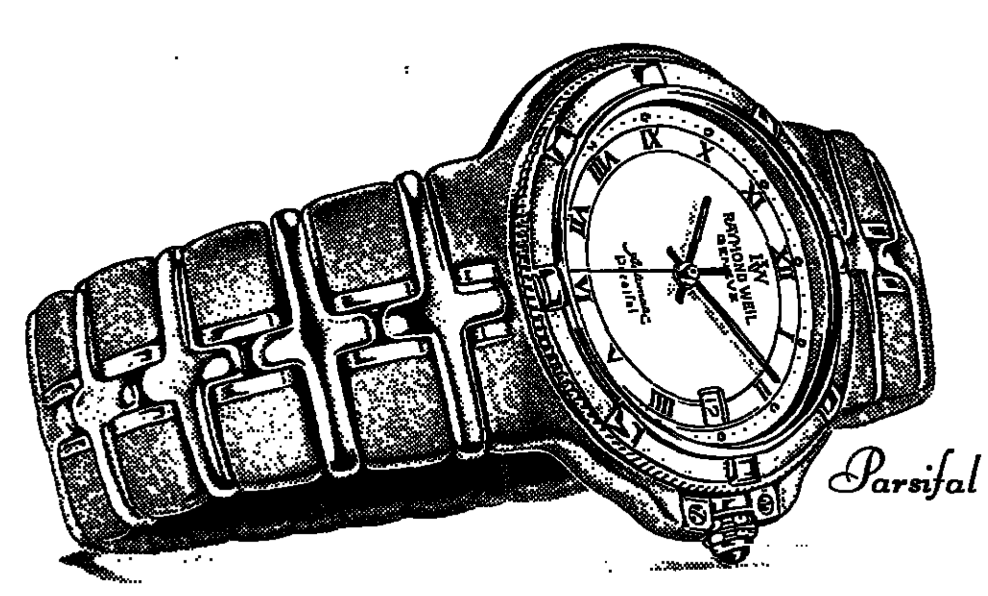
The delegations are also to deliberate on their cooperation in keeping pace with the new advancements in telecommunication technology and also involvement in joint ventures, the minister added.

Postal cooperation, particularly in rendering financial and express post services is among other topics to be tabled in the meeting.

The two previous sessions were held in Turkey in 1988 and in Indonesia in 1991, said the minister, adding that Iran's hosting of the third session is a sign of the Islamic Republic's political, economic and technical potentials.

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Guidance Minister: Unlike the World, Iranian Photography Markedly Decent

TEHRAN, (IRNA) — Foreign judges that evaluated photos for display at at the Seventh Photo Exhibition of Iran and the Second International Tehran Photo Biennial, met with Iran's Culture and Islamic Guidance *(Ershad)* Minister Mostafa Mirsalim on Tuesday.

The Iranian minister told the visiting group that Iranian photographers had successfully exploited post-Revolution themes for their artistic works since 1979. "Unlike the practice in many other countries, photography in Iran is a decent art that keeps aloof of every scene that might be described otherwise," he added.

The second Iranian international photo exhibition will be held at the Contemporary Arts Museum of Tehran from August 22 to November 10.

1,320 photographers from 55 countries have contributed 6,840 photos for the exhibition, while only 292 of them are selected for display and participation in the competion sections.

The panel of judges include five Iranians, one judge from Bangladesh and another from the Czeck Republic.

Bob Dylan's Son, 26: Blooming Musical Career and Politics

By Dean Goodman

LOS ANGELES — Continuing in the family business has not been an easy job for Jakob Dylan.

Along with having to fend off questions about his world-famous father, Bob Dylan, he faces the daily grind of being just another struggling musician in Los Angeles.

> ***Dylan always wanted to be a musician and with the exception of brief stints 'Delivering Chinese Food' and 'Nabbing Shoplifters,' he has stuck to his plan. "I always thought groups were like small gangs. I thought they were pretty cool when I was growing up."*** ***(Jakob Dylan)***

Dylan's Band, *The Wallflowers,* have just released their second album, 3-1/2 years after their last release. Several members fell by the wayside and then, after the new album was completed, its release was delayed by seven months because of record company politics.

"I think that being a group for seven years, it's unfortunate to have 24 songs available," Dylan, 26, said in an interview at his manager's office. "I think there should be more. I think it's great to have a great catalogue of songs."

Indeed *The Wallflowers'* sound owes much to artists with impressive catalogues, such as Tom Petty, John Hiatt and Leonard Cohen. But arguably, no living musician has a stronger catalogue than the father in question, Bob Dylan, the 1960s rock music icon who at his son's age had seven albums under his belt.

But questions about his family ties are coolly received as Dylan seeks to carve out his own identity as a singer-songwriter rather than as the youngest son of one of the most influential figures in Rock'n'Roll.

"I'm just interested in playing and writing songs and doing it," says Dylan, who also plays rhythm guitar. "I'm not interested in really talking about that subject. That becomes talked about too much. At that point the music just becomes totally unimportant."

Nonetheless, it's hard to ignore the similar facial features, occasional rambling speech patterns and self-effacing, dry wit. But unlike his father, Dylan shies away from political issues, saying no one wants to hear the views of some musician who hasn't sold any records.

All that could change if the new *Wallflowers* album, 'Bringing Down the Horse', catches the fancy of record-buyers. Like the self-titled debut, it's heavy on the warm sounds of a Hammond B-3 organ and Dylan's husky vocals. Guests this time inluded Tom Petty's guitarist Mike Campbell, ex-*Jayhawk* Gary Louris and Adam Duritz of *Counting Crows* (which had a hit song that included the line "I wanna be Bob Dylan").

Its style is at odds with the current hard-charging hit bands like *Metallica* and *Sound Garden.* Dylan's not averse to the modern and album rock genres, but finds a lot of it oppressive. "Sometimes you *do* want to hear more than complaints, y'know? There's a lot of complaining going on, people are pretty miserable it sounds like."

But he wryly adds, "It does sell. I guess. I'm trying to get miserable."

Dylan always wanted to be a musician and with the exception of brief stints 'Delivering Chinese Food' and 'Nabbing Shoplifters,' he has stuck to his plan. "I always thought groups were like small gangs. I thought they were pretty cool when I was growing up."

He formed *The Wallflowers* with friends when he was 19 and they often jammed at Los Angeles' Landmark Center's Deli where *Insomniac Rockers* are served by elderly waitresses in pink dresses. The band's name comes from an obscure Bob Dylan song from 1971.

Dylan and keyboardist Rami Jaffee are the only surviving members from the first album, which received glowing reviews but suffered from lack of support and an executive shuffle at Virginia Record.

The new album marks the first release by Interscope Record since MCA bought the 50 percent stake previously held by Time Warner. Political and shareholder pressure forced Time Warner to sell its profitable stake because Interscope handled controversial acts like 'Snoop Doggy Dogg' and 'Nine Inch Nails.'

Although the album's first single, '6th Ave. Heartache' is getting support from the VH1 Cable Channel and Adult-Alternative Radio as the band prepares a concert tour of the U.S., Dylan's not holding his breath about matching the sales of those artists.

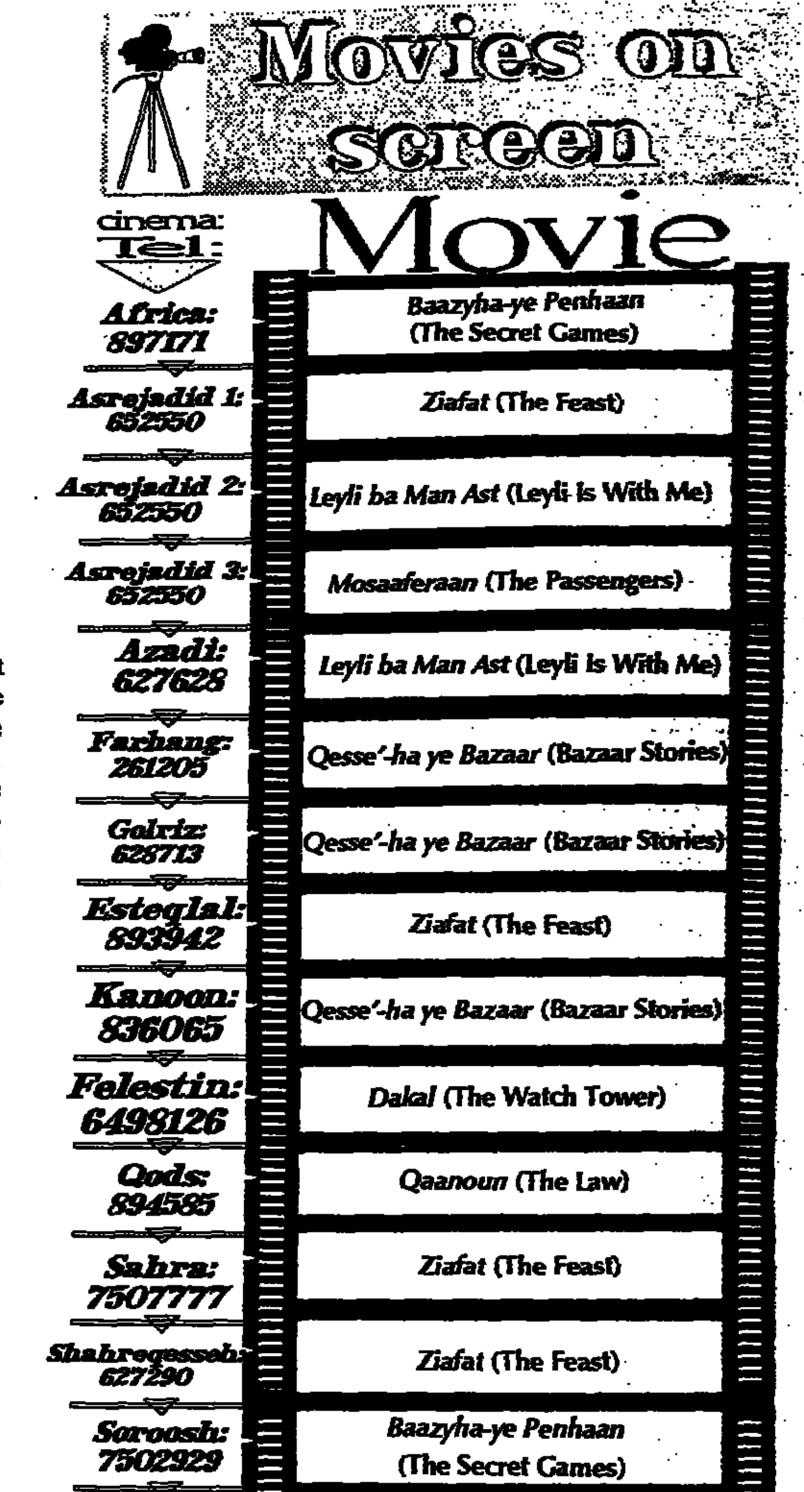
"No one's going to hate selling a few million records, but how many people get to. It's not really a healthy dream I don't think." (Reuters)

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KUWAIT CITY: Islamic MP Nasser Al-Sania(C) and other members of Kuwait's National Assembly vote on July 2 in favor of a bill that will restrict co-education in Kuwait, accepting government amendments that diluted earlier Islamist demands. *(AFP PHOTO)*



Movies on screen

cinema: Tel:	Movie
Africa: 897171	*Baazyha-ye Penhaan* (The Secret Games)
Asrejadid 1: 652550	*Ziafat* (The Feast)
Asrejadid 2: 652550	*Leyli ba Man Ast* (Leyli Is With Me)
Asrejadid 3: 652550	*Mosaaferaan* (The Passengers)
Azadi: 627628	*Leyli ba Man Ast* (Leyli Is With Me)
Farhang: 261205	*Qesse'-ha ye Bazaar* (Bazaar Stories)
Golriz: 628713	*Qesse'-ha ye Bazaar* (Bazaar Stories)
Esteqlal: 893942	*Ziafat* (The Feast)
Kanoon: 836065	*Qesse'-ha ye Bazaar* (Bazaar Stories)
Felestin: 6498126	*Dakal* (The Watch Tower)
Qods: 894585	*Qaanoun* (The Law)
Sahra: 7507777	*Ziafat* (The Feast)
Shahreqesseh: 627290	*Ziafat* (The Feast)
Soroosh: 7502929	*Baazyha-ye Penhaan* (The Secret Games)

"A Film a Day"
A Selection of Best Iranian Films 1995 – 1996

The crew: ***Zero Heights*** ***(Bolandiha-ye Sefr)***

Director, Writer: Hossein-Ali Layalestani; **Producers:** Farabi Cinema Foundation, Third Eye Cinema Company; **Cinematography:** Touraj Mansouri; **Editing:** Homayoun Amirpanahi; **Music:** Naser Chashm-Azar, **Set designer:** Malak Jahan Khazaee: **Makeup:** Abdollah Eskandari; **Sound recordist:** Mohammad Reza Delpak; **Special effects:** Mohsen Rouzbehani; **Production manager:** Qasem Qolipour; **Cast:** Shahrokh Qiasi, Maryam Moqaddam, Parviz Pour-Hosseini, Jalal Moqaddam, Mehdi Shokouri, Esmaeil Khalaj, Daryoush Moaddabian, Behzad Faraahaani, Hassan Ali-Mohammadi and Morteza Ahmadi.

(35 mm., Color, 81 minutes)



LAYALESTANI

Director's Short Biography:

Born in the village of Layalestan in 1961, Hossein-Ali Layalestani graduated in filmmaking in 1991. *Zero Heights* (1994) is Layalestani's first feature, followed by *The Poor Man's Love* (1995). Both films reveal Layalestani's high talent in film direction.

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Sports Highlights

Rugby Union

PRETORIA — World champions South Africa stretched their winning streak to 15 matches but were given a serious fright by minnows Fiji before a late surge carried them to a 43-18 victory on Tuesday.

In the first-ever test between the two teams, and the first in charge for coach andre markgraaff, South Africa suffered two injury scares before this month's Southern Hemisphere tri nation series.

Cycling

NOGENT-SUR-OISE, France — Frenchman Frederic Moncassin has answered those who doubted his ability to match the best with two rare feats in just three days in the Tour de France cycling race.

The 27-year-old rider from Toulouse, who defeated more celebrated sprinters to score the biggest win of his career in Sunday's first stage, went on to take the race leader's yellow jersey by finishing third in Tuesday's third stage.

Boxing

LONDON — Britain's Lennox Lewis on Tuesday offered World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion Mike Tyson 30 million pounds ($46.6 million) for a title fight against the American.

Lewis's manager Frank Maloney wasted no time in pledging the money after Tyson said he was willing to meet the British former WBC champion.

Soccer

LONDON — Portuguese international striker Paulo Futre joined West Ham on Tuesday on a two-year contract with an option for a third year, the club's assistant manager Frank Lampard said.

Futre, 30, was signed on a free transfer from AC Milan where he played just four games last season due to a knee injury.

Motor Racing

SILVERSTONE, England — Frenchman Jean Christophe Boullion emphasised his potential on Tuesday when he topped the times for Williams in testing for the British Grand Prix at Silverstone on July 14.

Boullion, the Williams team's official test and reserve driver, clocked an impressive best time of one minute 26.9 seconds in the afternoon of a cool but sunny day.

Tennis

LONDON — Dutchman Richard Krajicek underlined his status as a Wimbledon dangerman by blasting his way past 1991 champion Michael Stich on Tuesday to set up a quarter-final clash with current titleholder Pete Sampras.

The 1.95 metre Krajicek had too much firepower on his serve and in his groundstrokes as he powered past the 10th-seeded German 6-4 7-6 (7-5) 6-4.

FIFA Football Rankings

ZURICH, (AFP) — Leading and selected FIFA football rankings published here on Wednesday (previous ranking in brackets):

1. Brazil (1)	69.00Pts
2. Germany (2)	64.48
3.France (8)	60.73
4. Czech Republic (10)	60.06
5. Italy (3)	59.86
6. Netherlands (6)	59.85
7. Sweden (13)	59.79
8. Spain (4)	59.47
9. Russia (5)	59.17
10. Denmark (9)	56.33
11. Portugal (16)	55.72
12. Colombia (15)	55.55
13. England (21)	55.18
14. Mexico (12)	53.94
15. Argentina (7)	53.50
16.Zambia (25)	52.88
17. USA (19)	52.86
18. South Africa (40)	52.45
19. Bulgaria (17)	52.39
20. Ghana (29)	52.35



NOGENT-SUR-OISE, France (July 2): German cyclistt Erik Zabel, winner of the third stage of the 83rd Tour de France waves to the crowd on the podium in Nogent-sur-Oise. Moncassin wears the yellow jersey of the overall leader standings. (AFP PHOTO)

Kimiko Prepares to Do It Again

LONDON, (AFP) — Japan's Kimiko Date, who has already written her name in the record books by becoming the first Japanese player ever to reach the Wimbledon semi-finals, gets the chance to repeat something that doesn't happen too often here on Thursday.

For the 25-year-old from Kyoto, who is one of only two players who has beaten Steffi Graf so far in 1996, will be playing the world number-one once again.

When they last faced each other in Tokyo in a Fed Cup showdown in April, date showed magnificent resilience to score a memorable 7-6, 3-6, 12-10 victory.

This time the prize is a place in the Wimbledon final and Graf, who is chasing a seventh singles crown, can be relied upon to come out with all guns blazing to erase any memory of that Tokyo result.

Ironically the 27-year-old German player has already avenged her only other defeat of the year during the current championships.

Martina Hingis, the Swiss teenager who beat Graf at the Italian Open, quickly felt the world number-one's furious desire for revenge in a rematch in the fourth-round. Graf left the sixteenth-seeded hingis just five games.

After ending the hopes of Mary Pierce in the quarter-finals, Date, who would have played left-handed if Japanese tradition hadn't insisted she use her right-hand, admitted: "Of course I want to do the same as in the Fed Cup but, until I go on court and face her, I won't know what will happen."

Date, who speaks English but who prefers to answer questons through an interpreter, also added with cynical realism: "And because I beat her in the Fed Cup, she will certainly have planned new tactics against me.

"The next round is a semi-final, and that is a big stage. Mentally I will just try not to put too much pressure on myself."

Karpov Grabs lead

ELISTA, Russia, (AFP) — Defending champion Anatoly Karpov of Russia grabbed a four-point lead over his American challenger Gata Kamsky after winning the 14th game of the International Chess Federation World Championship on Tuesday.

Karpov won in 61 moves with the black pieces over Kamsky, who "played passively," according to Russian grandmaster Yevgeni Vasyukov.

With six games to play, Karpov is leading by nine points to five, a comfortable margin which should allow him to retain the FIDE world title. The winner of this encounter will be the first player to score 10.5 or 11 points.

PSG Sign Brazil's Ricardo and Leonardo

PARIS, (Reuter) — European Cup Winners' Cup champions Paris St Germain will stick to their Brazilian tradition next season after hiring former Benfica defender Ricardo as manager with midfielder Leonardo their main playing recruit.

Ricardo, who left PSG for Benfica two years ago, will replace Luis Fernandez who has moved to Athletic Bilbao, but with different functions.

Club president Michel Denisot told a news conference on Tuesday he wanted to emulate the structure of English clubs and appoint a manager. Ricardo, and a trainer, former French international goalkeeper Joel Bats.

Advertise in Tehran Times

Referee Training Course to Be Held in Iran

TEHRAN, (IRNA) — An international soccer referee training course will be held here on August 15-19.

Kathi Ravale, an instructor of the International Soccer Federation (FIFA) and Asian Soccer Confederation from Malaysia will administer the course. The Asian Soccer Confederation has approved Iran's nomination to host the course.

Dream Team Newcomer Finds Olympic Thrill

CHICAGO, Illinois, (AFP) — Gary Payton, a last-minute replacement on the US Olympic basketball "dream team," has found the gold-medal quest a greater thrill than reaching the National Basketball Association final.

"You represent your country and play with 11 great players and you play against different countries," Payton said. "Fans are looking for gold. For the gold to go around my neck will be a great experience."

Payton and Seattle teammate Shawn Kemp guided the Supersonics to the NBA final last month, where they lost to the Bulls in six games. Both Seattle players had been passed over before for a berth on the Olympic squad.

But when Glenn Robinson resigned from the team with an injury, a space was opened and Payton was picked, bringing backcourt Experience and his honor as the league's best defensive player to the team.

Payton does not mind being a last-minute substitute.

"Some of the posters and stuff has been changed to put me on it," Payton said. "It's no big thing. I'm just coming in to have fun, play with these guys and win gold for the United States."



CLEVELAND, OH, United States (June 30): IndyCar driver Gil de Ferran of Brazil celebrates after winning the 15th Annual IndyCar Grand Prix in Cleveland De Ferran, claiming his second victory in his IndyCar career, overtook 26 drivers in the 213 mile course. The second place finisher Alex Zanardi of Italy is on the ritht. (AFP PHOTO)



Kurdish Separatists Kill Four Soldiers

ANKARA (AFP) — Kurdish activists killed four Turkish soldiers and wounded three Wednesday in an attack near the eastern city of Tunceli, the Anatolia news agency reported.

Separatists of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) opened fire around 5:00 a.m. (0200 GMT) on a military vehicle near the village of Cicekli, the agency said.

The wounded were taken to hospital in Tunceli.

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"We must not repeat the mistakes of the past, or the folly of yet another war, which will bring in its wake untold misery," the state-run news agency quoted Leghari as saying.

Pakistan and India have fought three wars since the subcontinent gained its independence from Britain in 1947.

The disputed Kashmir region, divided between Pakistan and India by the departing British, has been the flashpoint of two wars.

A third war fought over Bangladesh or what was then East Pakistan.

Pakistan and India came perilously close to a fourth confrontation in 1990 again over Kashmir following the outbreak of a violent independence uprising on India's side of the disputed border.

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NATO....

"However he has no mandate to plan for what might happen after December 20," the source said, speaking under cover of anonymity.

December 20 marks the end of the one-year mandate of the 60,000-strong Peace Implementation Force (IFOR) in Bosnia, but there have been suggestions it might have to stay longer because of uncertainty over the future peace process.

The official said planning for the pullout would be as flexible as possible to allow for whatever policy decisions are made.

Joulwan, in a report to the NATO council's weekly meeting on the first six months of IFOR's mission, also said he was going to remodel the force to make it more flexible and mobile, the official added.

The first six months were judged globally positive. "The essential mission has been accomplished," he told the meeting.

Joulwan said IFOR's total strength would be slightly reduced by the process of reshaping, but that it would lose none of its military capability.

The aim was to make it more mobile on the ground and ready to help the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) which is preparing for the September 14 nationwide elections, he added, cited by the official.

Joulwan said U.S. military police would replace some U.S. armored units, Italy and Spain would send in more infantry to replace some of their armored units, and Britain was considering deploying more helicopters.



SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (July 2): French IFOR soldiers prepare to remove a wrecked Ilyushin 76 transport plane from the tarmac of Sarajevo airport, where it has been lying since running off the runway December 31 1994 during the humanitarian airlift. The cleanup is in preparation for handing over the airport to the Bosnian authorities for inauguration to commercial traffic.

(AFP PHOTO)

Perry Arrives in Sarajevo to Press Federal Defense Law

SARAJEVO (AFP) — U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry arrived in Sarajevo Wednesday for a two-day visit to press for the adoption of a federal defense law and meet U.S. troops serving in Bosnia, U.S. officials here said.

Perry, who flew into Sarajevo from Hungary, was met by Admiral Leighton Smith, commander of the 60,000-strong NATO-led Peace Implementation Force (IFOR) in Bosnia, and U.S. ambassador to Bosnia John Menzies, at Sarajevo airport before being whisked off for meetings with top Bosnian politicians, the officials, who asked not to be named, told AFP.

The U.S. Defense Secretary was expected to press Bosnian Muslim and Croat leaders to adopt a joint federal defense law aimed at uniting the Muslim and Croat armies.

Bosnia's Muslims and Croats formed a shaky federation in 1994 under U.S. pressure but have yet to unify their defense forces.

Washington backs a unified force which it intends to build up in order to defend federation territory against the Bosnian Serbs when NATO troops pull out of Bosnia.

James Pardew, the senior U.S. official working to build up federation defense forces in Bosnia, met with Bosnian officials Tuesday to discuss adoption of the defense law.

Muslims and Croats have failed in the past two months to adopt the defense law, which is one of the major preconditions for a U.S.-backed defense-building program to begin.

In his brief visit to Bosnia, Perry was expected to visit troops of the NATO-led Peace Implementation Force (IFOR) in Sarajevo, Banja Luka and Mostar before heading Thursday to the northern town of Tuzla, the headquarters of the nearly 20,000 U.S. troops in the region, for a July 4 celebrations.

Netanyahu Ready to Decide Troop Pullout From Al-Khalil

BAIT-UL-MOQADDAS (AFP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is to take a decision on the long-delayed Israeli troop withdrawal from the West Bank flashpoint of Al-Khalil before a visit to the United States next week, state radio reported Wednesday.

Netanyahu will hold talks Friday with his Cabinet as well as army and security chiefs to come to a final decision which he will then give to U.S. President Bill Clinton in Washington.

However, the prime minister's spokesman said Wednesday that "no deadline has been set for debate on the Hebron (Al-Khalia) issue."

Al-Khalil, where 400 militant Jewish settlers live uneasily among 120,000 Palestinians, is the only West Bank town still under Israeli occupation.

The United States has urged Israel's new rightwing leader to redeploy troops in Al-Khalil — seen as the first major test of his commitment to respecting the Oslo autonomy accords with the Palestinians.

But U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher tried in vain to get a concrete commitment from Netanyahu when he visited Bait-ul-Moqaddas last week.

According to Israeli press reports, Israel's commander for the central region, Uzi Dayan, has since submitted to Netanyahu four alternative plans for a redeployment.

All propose expanding the Jewish sector of the town, which is to remain under Israeli control, beyond the size initially agreed with Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

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KHORASAN....

dent is scheduled to tour provincial cities and inaugurate several major projects, a 96-bed hospital, a 400-kw power plant in Esfarayen and a 400-kilovolt electricity transmission station in Neishabour.

President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani told a gathering of personnel of Khorasan Petrochemical Complex on Wednesday that the government will pursue its policy of further developing the petrochemcal industry.

He said that carrying out major development projects needs courage in decision making, and that one should be ready to face criticisms.

Yemeni Premier in Amman for Cooperation Talks

AMMAN (AFP) — Yemeni Prime Minister Abdel Aziz Abdel Ghani began an official two-day visit here Wednesday during which he was to hold bilateral cooperation talks with his Jordanian counterpart Abdel Karim Kabariti.

The two men are due to sign accords on trade, health, agriculture, electricity, communications and education on Thursday at the end of a series of meetings, Jordanian officials said.

The Yemeni premier will be hoping for a better balance of trade between the two countries. Jordan exported 10.1 million dollars' worth of goods to Yemen in 1995, as against imports worth $3.5 million.

The two countries, both of which adopted a pro-Iraqi stand in the 1991 Persian Gulf war, signed a series of economic and security accords in June 1995.

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Cooperation Organization (UNESCO), Federico Mayor, representatives form the European Union, U.S.,

Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Morocco, Oman and Iran, and

British university professors are to present the conference with lectures.

Hojjatoleslam Taskhiri was to participate in the conference but he failed as the British Embassy in Tehran refused to offer him with entry visa.

Contrary to Professor Samuel Huntingdon who maintains that present conflicts stem from cultural basis and that the clashes between civilizations is the advanced stage amongst the various kinds of historical conflicts and that differences between the contemporary civilizations is deep-rooted, hojjatoleslam Taskhiri said in his letter to the conference.

"The answer to the question adopted by the conference is cooperation and nothing else," he said, stressing that civilization is a complementary human products, which seeks to raise man happily. Therefore, the human civilizational thesis compliment each other instead of being in seclusion or conflict. When a civilization disappears it is because of its injustice, according to the Holy Qoran, or its seclusion from the human process and keeping to itself.

Outlining the factors for keeping the ties between the Islamic and European civilizations, he called for cooperation between Islam and Europe.

Correcting the reciprocal views, moving toward realistic international cooperation, overcoming historical and psychological feelings, realizing religious and philosophical understandings, accepting supremacy of human beings, abandoning the feeling of superiority, strengthening cultural ties, balancing freedom, individualism and equality, adopting collective actions to safeguard the just cases such as Kashmir, Palestine and Bosnia, refusing to impose certain logic, the way the U.S acts will help further cooperation between Islam and the Europe.

In his letter hojjatoleslam Taskhiri outlined the positive grounds for enhancement of the cooperation between the two parties and said the decline of the former Soviet Union is one of the factors in this regard.

In conclusion, hojjatoleslam Taskhiri offered several proposals to the conference in a bid to pave the way for further cooperation between Islam and Europe.

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Russia, has resumed the construction of the power station merely for peaceful purposes," he said.

Amrollahi further revealed that the first unit of the Bushehr nuclear power station will become operational by the end of the Second Five-Year Development Plan, saying it will then boost the country's electrical capacity to a total of 2,400 MW, sufficient to meet the country's total demand for electricity.

He also revealed that plans are underway for Iran to sell its share in the French factory involved in uranium enrichment.

Stressing the peaceful purposes behind Iran's nuclear program, Amrollahi said the fact has repeatedly been attested to by officials of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

"Iran is one of the first signatories to the NPT and the agency ensures that the treaty is safeguarded and signatories fully comply with their responsibilities," he said.

Elaborating on the other peaceful uses of nuclear energy in the country, he said new applications may be found in modern medicine and agriculture which uses nuclear energy for therapy and for foodstuff suspected of contamination, respectively.

The AEOI chief referred to various research work now being fielded to find other natural energy sources which the organization hopes to use in meeting its other needs.

He cited the power stations in Manjil and Roudbar which avail of the energy produced by wind and the two solar-powered stations in separate villages in Yazd and Semnan provinces.

"Generating nuclear power, undertaking practical research, supplying fuel for nuclear power stations are the other activities of the AEOI which functions directly under President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani," he said.

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EGYPT....

Cairo "will not allow this aid to be used as a weapon by the Israelis who will wave it whenever differences appear between Israel and Egypt in the peace process," he wrote.

"I can all but guarantee that Egypt could be better off without this aid," wrote Ahmed, known to be a close associate of Mubarak.

The editorial came after the Israeli press reported Sunday the Israeli government had geared its lobby in the United States to an anti-Egypt campaign after Cairo's harsh criticism of new Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Egypt receives $2.1 billion a year from Washington, 1.3 billion of it for the military.

"Clearly, the mounting campaign against Egypt aims to scare U.S. into renouncing our role in strengthening Arab solidarity. But this blackmail will not dissuade Egypt," Ahmed wrote.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Mussa said Saturday there were "points of difference" between Cairo and Washington "on the peace process and other matters", but denied any tension between the two countries.

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IRAQ'S....

Kuwait in August 1990.

Before the agreement can go into effect, Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali must approve Iraq's plan for distributing the supplies.

"It is clear that the allegations of the U.S. statement do not aim to benefit the Iraqi citizens, as they so claim, but to poison the atmosphere and preclude the measures of putting the memorandum of understanding into effect as soon as possible to achieve that benefit," the Iraqi UN mission said.

The statement said the distribution plan proposed the import of five computers for Iraq's Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Reserarch.

It quoted the plan as saying higher education could not be neglected without creating long-term shortages of qualified manpower. The plan also said that "education materials not available in the country, such as reference books, laboratory equipment and supplies and computers for educational purposes need to be supplied within this distribution plan."

Erbakan Presents Moderate Government Program to Parliament

...KARA (AFP) – Turkey's Islamist Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan pledged to Parliament ...nesday to uphold democratic secular principles, in a sharp ...k with his earlier anti-Western ...e.

"Our government will be com...ed to the democratic and secular ...ciples of the Turkish state," Er...n told Parliament, adding that ...government would continue to ... integration into the European ...on.

...arliament is scheduled to hold ...ote of confidence in the new ...ernment next Monday after a ...ate on the program Saturday.

...rbakan's pro-Islamic Welfare ...y last week forged a coalition ... with former Premier Tansu ...er's conservative True Path ...y.

The Islamist prime minister's government program is an extended version of the coalition protocol which he presented last Saturday.

"The coalition protocol and the government program are no different from the liberal programs of past conservative governments," one analyst said.

Erbakan, who had employed a hardline and anti-Western rhetoric before the December general elections which gave his Welfare Party the largest number of seats in Parliament, considerably softened his policy when he became prime minister.

In the government program, Erbakan also promised to respect strategic treaties signed by Turkey except those deemed against "national security."

Second Round Underway in Chad Presidential Poll

NDJAMENA (AFP) -- Voters went to the polls in Chad on Wednesday to choose between favoured candidate President Idriss Deby and opposition leader Abdelkader Wadal Kamougue in the second round of presidential elections.

The vote is the first multi-party presidential poll in the sub-Saharan country since independence from France in 1960.

Deby, 44, who seized power in a 1990 rebellion, and Kamouge, 57, who has served as a government minister on several occasions since 1975, were faced with seven first-round candidates who have called for a boycott of the election, alleging that major fraud took place during the first round on June 2.

Velayati Holds Talks With Niyazov



Tehran Times Service

TEHRAN -- Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati submitted President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani's message to his Turkmen counterpart Saparmurat Niyazov, in Ashkhabad yesterday.

Velayati is currently in Ashkhabad to attend the Trilateral Meeting of Iran, Turkmenistan and Armenia which started Wednesday.

In his meeting with Niyazov, the two sides called the prospect of the trilateral cooperation in the region positive and stated that these cooperation has entered a new chapter.

The Turkmen president called for enhancement of cooperation among Iran, Turkmenistan and Russia especially in oil extraction in the Caspian Sea.

Velayati referring to Iran's activities to restore peace in the region, stated that Tehran's mediation efforts in Afghanistan has yield results.

He expressed hope that peace and stability be restored in Afghanistan through the agreement signed between Burhanuddin Rabbani and Gulbuddin Hekmatyar in Kabul.

Velayati also hoped that the Tajik government and the opposition would resume peace negotiations in a bid to achieve mutual understanding.



Iranian Diplomat, Madagascan FM Confer

TEHRAN (IRNA) — Iranian Charge d'Affaires to Madagascar Mostafa Boroujerdi at the end of his mission met with the Madagascan Foreign Minister Jacques Sylia.

In the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on bilateral relations.

The Madagascan minister expressed hope that his country's embassy in Iran would be opened in a near future.

Colombia's Samper Vows to Resist Foreign Pressure

...OTA, Colombia,Reuter) - A ...ant President Ernesto Samper ...ed on Tuesday to see out his full ...of office and to be unyielding ...e face of threats and pressure ...n abroad.

...amper's thinly-veiled reference ...hreats of U.S. economic sanc...s because of charges that his ...4 election campaign was bank...ed by drug traffickers came in a ...kly television and radio ad...s.

"We are forging ahead with the ...lment of this task," Samper said ...his professed efforts to improve ...life of a nation torn by political ...is and seemingly uncontrolled ...els of violence and crime.

"I can assure you that if I wasn't ...pped by the slander of yesterday, ...n't be stopped by the threats and ...ssures from abroad today."

Samper was absolved last month an overwhelming majority in the ...g party-controlled lower house Congress of charges that he used ...g money to finance his election ...npaign.

He did not refer in his speech to ...atement released late on Tuesday the Roman Catholic bishops conference strongly questioning the congressional ruling and calling Colombia "morally sick."

But he concluded his brief speech on an ironic note, given the fact that Washington has made it clear it thinks he owes his job to cali cartel drug lords.

"I know perfectly well who elected me and who I'm ruling for," the embattled president said.

Abu Musa, Greater, Lesser Tunbs Integral Part of Iran

PARIS (IRNA) — A seminar titled "Situation of the Persian Gulf and Its Future" was held in Paris during the current week with the initiative of a cultural foundation in collaboration with a number of Iranians residing in France.

The seminar attended by a number of American, British, Swiss and French university professors, some experts on the affairs of the Middle East and a group of reporters, stressed the sovereignty of the Islamic Republic of Iran over the three islands of the Persian Gulf.

The seminar also stressed that the name Persian Gulf is correct, rejecting any forged appealation to the Persian Gulf.

The seminar released a 9-point resolution part of which reads, "Three islands of Abu Musa, the Greater and Lesser Tunbs are inseparable part of Iran, adding that the people of Iran will crush any voice coming to aggress its territorial integrity."

The resolution stipulated that the security of the Persian Gulf is the undeniable right and principal duty of the littoral states in light of their joint cooperation and under the supervision of the UN to create a safe region free from war, based on mutual respect for each other's sovereignty.

Another part of the resolution reads, "Iran has a long record in struggle for curtailing the hands of aggressors on the Persian Gulf," pointing out that growing concentration of foreign forces in the Persian Gulf under any rationalization is contrary to the historical, political and economic rights of Iran and the littoral states of the Persian Gulf.

Presence of foreign forces directly perils the region's peace and security, posing a serious threat to international peace, the resolution stressed and added that withdrawal of the foreign forces from the Persian Gulf is an effective factor and major condition contributing to peace and cooperation in the Persian Gulf.

The resolution further stressed that advancement of foreign powers in the Persian Gulf, launched since the Iraqi war against Iran, became formally established by paving the ground for the Persian Gulf war.

Once again international powers are active to prepare the ground for turning the Persian Gulf to an arena for their new adventurism.

The resolution stressed that it is the right of the people of Iran to strengthen its naval capability in commensurate with the region's defensive conditions in an effort to protect the security of the Persian Gulf.

The resolution concluded that any effort to change the name of the Persian Gulf is a purposeful scheme triggering discord in the naval zone, not only being a transggression to the rights of Iran but also a flagrant violation of the region's cultural and historcial heritage.

Chechens Refuse to Resume Peace Talks

CHECHNYA (AFP) – Chechen negotiators refused to resume peace negotiations set for Wednesday, demanding talks instead with a higher-level Russian delegation.

The current Russian delegation headed by nationalities minister Vyacheslav Mikhailov "doesn't have the power to stop the war," Chechen spokesman Movladi Udugov said, reading from a communique by the Chechen "government."

"The delegation either should be changed or given full powers," it added.

The separatists are awaiting a response from the Russian government, and "as long as one is not forthcoming, the negotiations will not resume," Udugov said.

Chechen leader Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev signed a cease-fire agreement in Moscow on May 27 after meeting Russian President Boris Yeltsin, followed in early June by an accord for troop withdrawals and a plan for further talks on implementing the agreement.

These negotiations have still not been held.

Meanwhile in Bern on Wednesday, the head of OSCE mission in Chechnya said he was optimistic the Chechen peace progress would pick up speed after the Russian elections.

Both sides have the will to continue talks, and they should show a greater determination to reach a solution once the poll is over, said Tim Guldimann of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which oversees the Chechen peace process.

A runoff vote was under way Wednesday between President Boris Yeltsin and his communist challenger Gennady Zyuganov.

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A FILM...
Synopsis:

A writer's conflicts with the characters of his story lead to an accident in which the writer is wounded.

The accident finds objective equivalent in real life, and the writer's relatives and friends become concerned about his mental health. The writer, who has actually graduated from an art college in painting and has faced many setbacks, finds parallels between his life and that of Van Gogh, the Dutch painter.

Consequently, the writer comes into conflicts with Van Gogh himself! At the same time, a number of well-known literary and artistic figures of the world meet one another in the writer's imaginary world. Ferdowsi, the great Iranian epic poet encourages the very pessimistic writer to have trust in Almighty God and let not the evil forces lead him to the world of eternal darkness through making him commit suicide...

Courtesy: Farabi Cinema Foundation Publications

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peace talks in that country.

He said that Moscow hopes Iran will employ all its resources to prevent any possible military movements of the opponents of Tajikistan government at the threshold of the new round of peace talks in Ashkhabad.

He added that political and security developments of the Persian Gulf region are of great importance for Russia and that his country is ready to cooperate with the Persian Gulf countries in line with establishment of peace and stability in the region.

Larijani stressed Iran's strong resolution for expansion of all-out relations with Russia.

He added that Russia's active presence and role in regional and international arena runs parallel to Iran's interests, noting that Iran is ready to offer any cooperation in this respect.

Larijani elaborated on the critical situation of the Persian Gulf and the American presence and called for Russia's serious and active role in fostering confidence among regional countries and defending the territorial integrity of Iraq.

He stressed that Iran supports the political solution to Tajikistan crisis, adding that the agreements reached by Iran's foreign minister in his recent visit to Moscow can serve as a rational framework for cooperation between the two countries.

Cracks Appear in India's First Coalition Government

...EW DELHI, India (AP) – In...ding has already erupted within ...rime Minister H.D. Deve ...owda's coalition government just ... month after he came to power ...omising a better deal for India's ...wer castes.

At least three regional politicians ...umed federal ministers in Gowda's ...mplex 13-party alliance are un...ppy about not being given senior ...ositions.

And an influential member of the ...alition, Maneka Gandhi, daugh...r-in-law of former Prime Minister ...ndira Gandhi, began openly criti...izing Gowda on Tuesday for clear...g a power project that she says ...ill damage the environment.

The project, by the U.S. com...any Cogentrix Energy Inc. in Kar...ataka state, will burn coal. And ...andhi said Gowda cleared it with...ut the required approval of the ...nvironment Ministry.

Many observers had predicted ...at Gowda's government wouldn't survive long because of the many diverse components of his 13-party alliance of socialists, communists and activists from the many lower-caste parties.

But few expected the differences to surface so soon, only a month after figurehead President Shankar Dayal Sharma named Gowda prime minister.

Gowda's government is the third to rule since a parliamentary election in May ousted the centrist Congress Party, which had ruled India for most of the five decades since it gained independence from Britain.

The Congress Party finished second in the election, and the right-wing Hindu Nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, which came in first, tried to form a government.

But it failed to win enough support to shore up its lack of a majority, and many criticized it for whipping up tension between the nation's Hindu majority and Muslim minority.

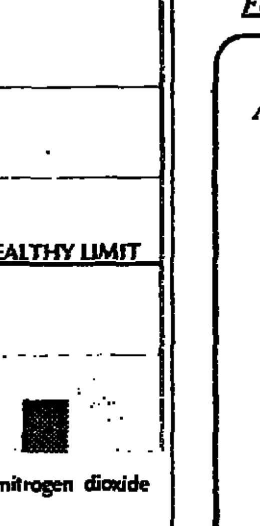
Last 48 Hours Air Quality in Tehran

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particulate matter	~60	~55
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Circus Bear Attacks Colombian Girl

BOGOTA (AFP) -- A bear seriously wounded a nine-year-old girl after it escaped from its trainer following a performance of the Hollywood on ice circus, press reports said Tuesday.

The child received injuries to the face and hospital officials said she was in serious condition.

The bear, which apparently attacked the girl as she and her family were leaving the show, was recaptured and taken to its cage.

"Miss Rat" Beauty Contest in Philippines

MANILA (AFP) -- Philippines villagers have launched a "miss rat" beauty contest in an attempt to eradicate rodents eating their rice crops, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

The Philippine inquirer said residents of the central town of Barotoc Nuevo decided the miss rat title would go to the group that presents the most rat-tails in their contestant's honor.

The contest was to encourage people to kill more rats in rice fields.

The inquirer said officials are offering 1.75 pesos (6.7 cents) for the tail of every rat killed.



PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (July 2): International envoy to Bosnia Karl Bildt (R) gestures during a press briefing with Bosnian Serb vice-president Biljana Plavsic (L) in Pale (some 16 kms from Sarajevo). Bildt demanded an explanation from top Serb leaders on calls for war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic to run in presidential elections in September. Bildt and Plavsic met earlier on Tuesday after the calls by the extreme nationalist Serb Democratic Party (SDS) Monday for Karadzic to run the presidency of the Serb entity in Bosnia.

(AFP PHOTO)

China Appeals for Help

BEIJING (AFP) -- China appealed for foreign help Wednesday after at least 168 people were killed and half a million others were evacuated as a result of the worst floods in half a century struck four provinces, inflicting more than a billion dollars in damage.

The Civil Affairs Ministry said more than 10 million people had been affected after waters began rising Saturday in the eastern provinces of Anhui and Zhejiang, Jiangxi in the southeast, and Guizhou in the south.

Some 764,000 people were cut off, it said in a statement.

It added that 448,100 people had been evacuated by a thousands-strong army of civilian and military emergency workers, while more than 330,000 homes had been destroyed in 2,520 villages.

In an apparent sign of the gravity of the crisis, the ministry said the stricken areas "are willing to accept aid nationally and from abroad."

Colombia Warns of Crisis in Ties With Washington

BOGOTA (Reuter) -- Colombia took a public swipe at U.S. Ambassador Myles Frechette on Tuesday and warned of growing anti-American sentiment and a "mutual crisis of confidence" in U.S.-Colombia ties.

In a statement issued by the Foreign Ministry, the government also criticized the U.S. threat to impose economic sanctions on Colombia because of what Frechette and others have described as its lack of commitment to counternarcotics efforts.

The statement was issued in response to a report in Sunday's editions of the *Washington Post* saying Frechette had recommended the Clinton administration seek to isolate President Ernesto Samper and undermine him politically because of charges his 1994 election campaign was partly financed by drug traffickers.

The report, which has not been denied by the State Department or the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, said Frechette had also called for sanctions against Colombia and suggested that Samper and senior officials aligned with him be denied travel visas and barred from entering the United States.

Washington has made it clear that it thinks Samper knowingly received drug money to finance his campaign.

It cited those allegations in March -- when it struck Colombia from a list of drug-producing countries that are working to stem the flow of narcotics to the United States -- and has threatened sanctions repeatedly despite last month's decision by Colombia's Congress to exonerate Samper of any wrongdoing in connection with his campaign.

Karadzic Should Be Tried in The Hague and Nowhere Else

SARAJEVO (AFP) -- Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, indicted for war crimes by the International Criminal Tribunal for former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague, should be tried in that court and nowhere else, a UN spokesman said Wednesday.

"The position of the ICTY is very clear on this issue -- the only place where Karadzic and (Bosnian Serb Commander General Ratko Mladic) can be tried is in The Hague," UN spokesman Alexander Ivanko said here.

Biljana Plavsic, who was named interim acting president by Karadzic over the weekend, said Tuesday that she would not use her new powers to hand Karadzic over to The Hague and insisted that any crimes should be tried by Serb courts.

"Extradition is forbidden in Republika Srpska by law", she added.

The Dayton peace accord requires the signatories to hand over to The Hague their nationals indicted for war crimes.

The Bosnian Serbs claimed recently that their courts have been in contact with the ICTY on the issue.

"I am not aware of any contacts between the Republika Srpska courts and the ICTY", Ivanko said.

The position of the ICTY was clear, he said.

"The Serbs are not in compliance not only with the spirit but the letter of the Dayton peace accord.

"Karadzic is still at large, Mladic is still at large, and a number of other indicted war criminals are still at large."

Students Caught Cheating Fight With Police, 200 Hurt

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) -- College students expelled for cheating at an exam fought with police, ransacking offices and torching vehicles, officials said Wednesday.

More than 5,000 students were thrown out of examination centers across the country on Tuesday after they were caught cheating at an English test, which is required of all students in Bangladesh, where Bangla language is the medium of instruction.

During the daylong clashes, at least 200 persons were injured. Police arrested 70 students on charges of rioting, but were likely to let them off, an official at the Education Ministry said on condition of anonymity.

About 600,000 students were appearing for the exam, required in junior college.

Clashes broke out in cities where many students were expelled. Police lobbed tear gas shells and fired rubber bullets in several cities, local officials said in telephone interviews.

In some places outsiders joined the students in ransacking the examination centers and offices, burnt vehicles and clashed with the police, they said.

The annual standardized test is the main criteria for a passing grade in the two-year course. Students routinely stuff their pockets with crib notes because they cannot take their books into the exam centers.

China Launches Apstar-1A Satellite

BEIJING (AFP) -- China on Wednesday launched an Apstar-1A satellite from its southwestern launch facility, four and a half months after a Long March 3B rocket carrying an intelsat satellite exploded, killing six people, state television said.

The Apstar-1A, carried by a Long March 3 rocket, was launched, by China Great Wall Industry Corporation from the Xichang launch site in Sichuan Province at 6:48 p.m (1048 GMT).

The satellite, built by U.S. firm Hughes Aircraft for Hong Kong's APT Satellite Corp Ltd., successfully entered orbit at 19:15 (11:15 GMT).

30 Dead in Ukraine Tram Derailment

KIEV (Reuter) -- A tram ran off the rails, smashed into a concrete barrier and overturned in an eastern Ukrainian city on Tuesday, killing 30 people and injuring about 50, police said.

A police spokesman in the region said the accident occurred at about 6 p.m., during rush hour, in the industrial city of Dniprodzerzhinsk as the tram was travelling down a steep slope.

"Tram No. 2 was going down a hill when the steering mechanism failed. It left the rails, hit the barrier and flipped over," the spokesman said by telephone. "Thirty people have been killed and about 50 injured."

Mongolian Democrats Name New Prime Minister

ULAN BATOR (Reuter) -- Mongolia's newly elected Democrats have nominated Enkhsaikhan, head of their victorious coalition and a veteran democracy activist, as the next prime minister, officials and state television said on Wednesday.

"Enksaikhan will be nominated for prime minister," an official of the Democratic Union coalition said.

The coalition nominated the leaders of the two main parties in the Democratic alliance as speaker and deputy speaker of the Great Hural, or Parliament, state television quoted a statement from the president's office as saying.

Gonchigdorj, 42, leader of the Social Democratic Party, was nominated as speaker with Elbegdorj, 33, head of the National Democratic Party, as deputy.

Power Outages Hit Western U.S., Canada, Mexico

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) -- Widespread power outages hit 15 western states and parts of Canada and Mexico on Tuesday, cutting off electricity to hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses.

Millions of residents from southern California to the Canadian border and as far east as Colorado reported power outages that started early on Tuesday afternoon when a major failure occurred in the western power transmission network.



There were reports that 11 separate power plants inexplicably were knocked off line.

The airport in Reno, Nevada, was forced to resort to emergency power generators, delaying incoming and outgoing flights.

Traffic lights were knocked out across large swaths of Los Angeles, causing a nightmare for commuters, and train service in parts of California was also disrupted.

Pacific Gas and Electric Co, which provides power to the bulk of northern California, said the problem appeared to have occurred at the California-Oregon border on the so-called "Intertie," a power transmission network that links much of the western United States in a grid.

Protesters Pelt President's Car With Tomatoes

GENERAL SANTOS, Philippines (AP) -- Opponents of a new peace agreement with Muslim activists pelted President Fidel Ramos' car with tomatoes Wednesday as he traveled through the southern Philippines to rally support for the pact.

Ramos' driver quoted the president as saying that "everything is OK," although a number of the tomatoes splattered on his car.

Several thousand protesters lined the road waving placards as Ramos' motorcade passed by. The president was also greeted by supporters, who often stood just a few meters from the protesters or on the other side of the street.

Feelings are intense on the southern island of Mindanao over the pact, reached late last month by the government and the largest Muslim activist group, the Moro National Liberation Front. The agreement paves the way for creation of an activist-led council in the south that would later be replaced by an autonomous government.



BASTIA, France (July 1): Firemen give first aid to a tourist wounded in the explosion of a car bomb in Bastia, Corsica. The bomb killed Pierre-Louis Lorenzi, 34, a member of the executive of the "Cuncolta Naziunalista" nationalist movement and wounded 15 people. Another Cuncolta leader, Charles Pieri, 46, the main target of the attack, was reported in serious condition in the hospital.

(AFP PHOTO)



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Seminar on the Legal Aspects of the World Trade Organization (WTO)

So as to gain a better understanding of the legal aspects pertaining to the World Trade Organization, the Institute for Trade Studies and Research (affiliated to the Ministry of Commerce of the Islamic Republic of Iran) intends to hold a seminar on August 5, 1996 at the conference center of the institute in Tehran.

Topics open for discussion are as follows:

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5. National treatment and its exemptions in the WTO.
6. The procedure for accession to the WTO and the legal issues thereto.
7. The legal implications of acceding to the WTO.
8. The legal features of agreements adopted under the WTO framework.
9. The legal dimensions of 'special treatment' provisions towards developing countries within the framework of the WTO.
10. Legal aspects pertaining to the accession of the I.R. Iran to the WTO.
11. Highlights of the dispute settlement mechanisms in the WTO.
12. Sanctions under the WTO dispute settlement mechanisms.
13. The procedural and substantive provisions of the WTO dispute settlement process.
14. The basis for state responsibility and reparations under the WTO.
15. *Case studies of claims brought forth by developing countries against developed countries under the GATT/WTO dispute settlement mechanisms.*

The deadline for the submission of papers is August 1, 1996.

For further information about the seminar please contact:
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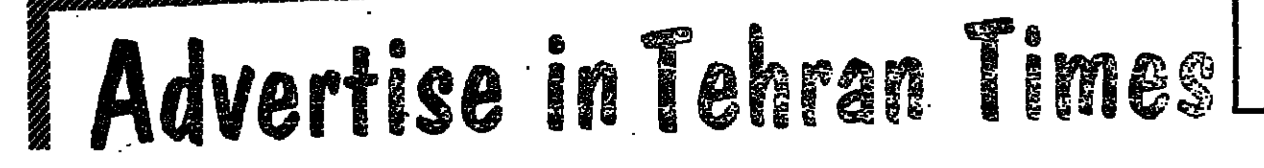
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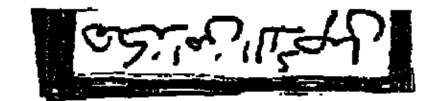


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TV Programs

Thursday Evening, July 4

National Network, Channel 1:

13:13 Focus on Family
14:00 News
14:30 Focus on Family
15:00 Kids Corner
16:30 News
17:00 Children's Program
18:00 Productivity
18:15 Lessons From the Holy Qoran
19:00 News
19:15 Focus on Imam Khomeini (RA)
19:45 Religious Program
19:50 Report on Majlis
20:25 Review of Day's Major News Stories
20:47 Call to Prayer (Azan)
20:51 Religious Program
21:00 News
21:30 Commercials
21:40 Summer 75
22:05 Religious Program
22:10 Focus on War
22:40 Weekly Quiz Show
23:20 Commercials
23:00 Feature Movie

National Network, Channel 2:

13:13 Religious Program
13:15 Interlude
13:30 Thoughts
14:00 Iranian TV Series
15:00 Report on European Nations' Cup
15:30 Meteorology
16:00 Preuniversity Program
17:00 Focus on Living (teaching requirements of life)
18:00 Tae Kwon Do
18:15 Scientific Program
19:00 Children's Program
20:00 Summertime Program
20:30 Scientific-Cultural News
20:47 Call to Prayer (Azan)
20:51 Special Program on 7th Tir (June 27)
21:00 Weekly Political Discussion
21:40 Iranian TV Series
22:30 News
22:50 Notes of Night
23:00 About Karbala
23:15 Great Philosophers
24:00 Religious Program

National Network, Channel 3:

16:00 National Anthem of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Recitations from the Holy Qoran
16:15 Religious Program
16:45 Sports Program
19:00 For Tomorrow
19:45 Sports News
20:00 Foreign TV Series
20:30 Interlude
20:47 Call to Prayer (Azan)
20:51 (To be announced)
21:00 Sports Quiz Show
21:30 Interlude
21:45 Third Smile (comic)
22:45 News (in English)

National Network, Tehran Channel:

17:00 National Anthem of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Recitations from the Holy Qoran
17:15 Advisors
18:15 Report on Tehran
18:30 Tehran News
18:45 Sports Program
19:15 Feature Movie
19:30 Medical Points
19:45 Cooperation
20:00 Commercial Program
20:30 Report on Social Security
20:47 Call to Prayer (Azan)
20:51 Report on Social Security
21:00 Introducing Tehran Districts
21:15 Nature
21:30 Focus on Filmmaking
22:00 News
22:15 Report on Tehran
22:30 *Komeil* Prayer
23:20 Digest

Friday Morning, July 5

National Network, Channel 1:

Channel 1 doesn't broadcast on Friday morning.

National Network, Channel 2:

07:00 National Anthem of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Recitations from the Holy Qoran
07:15 Summer 75
08:00 Feature Movie
08:15 Scientific Program
08:45 Great Philosophers
09:30 Interesting Places and Events
10:00 Children's Program
12:00 Witness
12:30 (Documentary)
13:05 Call to Prayer (Azan)

National Network, Channel 3:

07:30 National Anthem of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Recitations from the Holy Qoran
07:45 Basketball
08:45 Third Smile (comic)
09:30 Digest
10:30 Foreign TV Series
11:15 Religious Program

Australian Death Laws Defended After Vatican Attack



DARWIN, Australia (July 1): Euthanasia proponents, former Chief Minister for the Northern Marshall Perron (L) and Dr. Philip Nichke (R) arrive at the High Court in Darwin. A number of church and aboriginal groups have mounted a challenge to legislation that will introduce the world's first voluntary euthanasia law in the Territory. (AFP PHOTO)

DARWIN, Australia (AFP) – Australia's Northern Territory government Wednesday defended its world-first voluntary euthanasia law against an attack by the Vatican, saying the legislation was politically responsible.

Northern Territory Chief Minister Shane Stone said the landmark law was the will of a properly-elected Parliament, and the government had a responsibility to see it come into effect.

The Vatican newspaper *Osservatore Romano* reacted with horror Wednesday to the introduction of the law which permits doctor-assisted euthanasia, saying it had opened "a monstrous new chapter" in the history of humanity.

Stone said he could understood the Vatican's reaction to the rights of the terminally ill act, which officially came into effect on Monday.

"It is a hard-hitting message and one that, as a Catholic, I take note of," he told national radio.

But he said Westminster-style governments could not function if groups tried to override the law of a properly elected Parliament.

"If I incur the wrath of the pope and the Vatican ... then so be it," Stone said.

"Notwithstanding my opposition to euthanasia, I will enforce the will of the Parliament."

Stone, who opposed the voluntary euthanasia law during a conscience debate in Parliament last year, said the issue had "always weighed heavily with me".

His government is currently fighting legal and political challenges to the legislation from a coalition of anti-euthanasia groups, including doctors, churches and aborigines.

The law remained in place Tuesday when the campaigners failed to seek an injunction after a two-day hearing into the validity of the law, after the full bench of the Territory's Supreme Court withdrew to consider its verdict.

Both Prime Minister John Howard and opposition leader Kim Beazley have said they would support a private member's bill in federal Parliament which would scuttle the Northern Territory legislation.

"Notwithstanding my opposition to euthanasia, I will enforce the will of the Parliament."

However, Darwin Doctor Phillip Nitschke, who is seeking to help a man to die under the new law, said Wednesday he was hopeful he would obtain the remaining two medical signatures required to begin the euthanasia process.

The approval of a specialist doctor and a psychiatrist could make Max Bell, who is suffering from terminal cancer, the first person to die under the new law.

"That will allow Mr. Bell to commence the necessary seven-day waiting period so he can go ahead and proceed with his plan to end his own life," he said.

Nitschke said 65-year-old Bell, who has advanced stomach cancer, was anxious and worried.

"Max's single goal is to go through the waiting period, get everything up and running as quickly as we can so that he can end this interminable suffering," he said.

The Australian Medical Association has warned that those who act before the legal position of the act was clarified could be at risk of prosecution.

"The fact is there is no injunction, the law is in place, we can go ahead, doctors acting in accordance with this law are acting lawfully and it's the first time in the world where this has been possible," Nitschke said Wednesday.

"Any doctor who saw Max Bell would be prepared to make that statement."

Under the act, two doctors must confirm a patient is terminally ill and suffering unbearable pain before life can be ended and a psychiatrist must confirm the patient seeking euthanasia is not suffering a treatable clinical depression.

In the article in *L'Osservatore Romano*, theologian Gino Concetti argued that "there is no right to die with dignity" in the sense backed by advocates of voluntary euthanasia.

"Whether it is assisted suicide or suicide-homicide, the basic problem is the same: It is a crime, an intolerable affront to human life," the article stated.

"Death must come naturally. No one has the right to cause it or accelerate it in any way," Concetti said.

Diana to Keep Royal Title After Divorce

LONDON (AFP) – Princess Diana is to retain the title of Her Royal Highness – which means she will keep her position in the royal hierarchy – after her divorce from Prince Charles is finalized, the *Daily Mail* reported Saturday.

Diana had offered to give up the title as part of a settlement, but her mother-in-law, Queen Elizabeth II, believes that the mother of a future king) must have the appropriate status, the paper said, quoting unnamed senior courtiers.

Such a move would mean that Diana would not be obliged to curtsey to minor royals, it added.

The *Times* meanwhile reported Saturday that the princess's lawyers have become exasperated over Charles's failure to respond to £30 million ($45 million) divorce proposals put forward three months ago.

It said the delay is becoming a source of irritation to the queen, who is believed to be increasingly anxious that the couple's divorce be wrapped up to limit any further damage to the crown.

Charles and Diana announced their plans to divorce after both having publicly admitted adultery after their marriage ran into trouble. They had tied the knot in July 1981.

China Bans English from FM Press Conferences

BEIJING (AFP) – The Chinese Foreign Ministry Tuesday joined a trend towards stamping out colonial influences by saying English would no longer be used in its press conferences from September.

To improve "efficiency" and "because Chinese is one of the working languages of the United Nations", press conferences by the spokesman for the Foreign Ministry will be in Chinese only from September 1, instead of being bilingual, ministry spokesman Cui Tiankai said.

Since 1983, when the ministry began holding regular press conferences for the international media, replies to questions were always given in both Chinese and English.

Tuesday's announcement follows the introduction of a campaign to stamp out "colonial" references and trends.

Last week the Trade Ministry called on local firms to avoid Western influences in their publicity as well as all "vulgar, feudalistic or Western sounding names."

Nevada Is Most Dangerous U.S. State

WASHINGTON (Reuter) – Nevada was the most dangerous state in the United States this year, followed closely by last year's worst, Louisiana, an independent research agency said on Thursday.

Basing its danger rankings on 14 factors – including the crime, violent crime, murder, rape, robbery and violent assault rates – the Morgan Quitno Press said the next most dangerous states were Florida, Maryland and Arizona.

The safest five states were Vermont, Maine, North Dakota, New Hampshire and West Virginia, according to the Kansas-based research organization.

"There are dangerous spots in Vermont just as there are extremely safe areas in Nevada," Scott Morgan, president of the organization, said in a statement. "However, in the three years we have issued this award we have seen remarkably consistent patterns of some states dealing with crime better than others.

Illegal Trade in Human Organs Flourishing in Israel

BAITUL MOQADDAS (AFP) – The Israeli government on Tuesday ordered an inquiry into reports that an illegal trade in human organs is flourishing here, involving mainly Palestinians driven by poverty into selling their kidneys.

Health Minister Tsahi Hanegbi said he would set up a commission to investigate a report in the mass-circulation *Maariv* newspaper that four Israeli medical centers are carrying out operations as part of the cash-for-kidneys trade.

Maariv said two middlemen, both Israeli Arabs from the northern Galilee region, search for potential donors after receiving requests for organs from patients.

Donors sell their organs for around $30,000, the newspaper said. Most are Palestinians in dire need of money, it said, although middlemen can also find Israelis ready to sell a kidney.

The recipients are generally Israelis but foreigners are increasingly resorting to middleman to find them an organ, *Maariv* added.

It cited the case of an ill Palestinians living in Germany, who paid $14,000 for a kidney from a West Banker. The deal was arranged by middleman Ismael Shalbi and the kidney was removed in a private Tel Aviv clinic.

"Personally, I don't see anything wrong in someone wanting to offer an organ. In my opinion the practice should be legalized. For the moment it's banned," said surgeon Shapira, 60, a leading transplant specialist.

Israeli law only allows transplants where the donor and the recipient are relatives. A surgeon who operates when they are not related, and when the donor receives money, faces three to 20 years in jail.

Hanegbi said in a statement: "It is unacceptable that operations are taking place in Israel in contravention of the law."

Immune System Drug Helps AIDS Patients

LONDON (Reuter) — U.S. Biotechnology firm Amgen Inc's immune system-boosting Neupogen helps AIDS patients fight life-threatening infections and may help some to live longer, researchers said.

The drug, just licensed for use for AIDS patients in Britain, has a definite effect on the immune system, doctors told a news conference.

Neupogen boosts the numbers of neutrophils, white blood cells that fight infection. It is widely used to treat neutropenia, a failure of the immune system that affects up to a third of AIDS patients.

It makes them even more vulnerable to infections by bacteria, fungi and viruses.

Dr Mark Nelson, an AIDS expert at London's Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, said up to 30 percent of patients with the HIV virus that causes AIDS developed neutropenia at some stage during their infection.

He said he had been working with Neupogen and it worked.

"It gets the neutrophil count up, improves neutrophil function and should be useful in preventing bacterial and fungal infection," he said. "Hopefully, it will lead to improvements in both quality and quantity of life."

Other researchers said some patients were able to increase their doses of the common AIDS drug AZT because Neupogen worked so well.

"The important thing to point out is that neutropenia is a frequent complication of HIV infection, and that neutrophil counts can be protected and enhanced by using Neupogen," said Jonathan Weber, a professor of genito-urinary medicine and communicable diseases at St Mary's Hospital, London.

Dr Philip Keiser, director of HIV services at the University of Texas in Dallas, said a comparison of the medical records of 152 HIV patients with neutropenia showed those given the drug suffered from one-quarter the bacterial infections suffered by those not given the drug.

Survival in the Neupogen-treated group was also significantly greater than among the non-treated patients, although the doctors said more study needed to be done.

Some of the data will be presented at an international conference on AIDS to be held in Vancouver next month.

Singapore Team Finds Herbal HIV Inhibitor

SINGAPORE (Reuter) — A team of Singapore scientists has isolated a chemical compound from traditional herbs that inhibits the growth of an HIV enzyme, a team member said.

Sim Keng Yeow, a chemistry professor at the National Univeristy of Singapore, said tests by the four-member team were 'very preliminary,' but had isolated a chemical compound that would slow the HIV-1 protease, an enzyme needed for the AIDS virus to mature.

"I must emphasize, though, that we don't want to give the impression that we have found the cure for AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). It is just the first of many steps," Sim told Reuters.

Sim said the team had taken more than three years to isolate and test extracts from the roots, fruits, stems and leaves of about 75 herbs on the HIV-1 enzyme.

According to the Straits Times newspaper, the group became interested in herbs when Western scientists found a link between the fatal disease and a herb in east Malaysia.

Sim said the team eventually hoped to test the compound on animals.

The results of the Singapore team's findings were first published in a British scientific journal, Phytotherapy Research, and in the Journal of Natural Products, which is published by the American Chemical Society, Sim said.

Chinese Herbal AIDS Drug Performs Well in Tests

BEIJING (Reuter) — An experimental Chinese herbal medicine may have killed the virus that causes AIDS in one patient, cured paralysis in another and made some patients well enough to return home, doctors said recently.

But they said it was too early to proclaim the drug — Saidefu — a cure for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome because it had only undergone clinical trials for three months.

"We have tested five patients, and found an AIDS serum antigen turn to negative from positive in one patient," Shao Yiming, a researcher at the China Academy of Preventive Medicine, said in a telephone interview.

"This is only an initial result and does not mean that the medicine is effective because the trial treatment was too short and medical samples too few," he said.

The patient whose AIDS test turned to negative could relapse, he said.

"The result of the clinical tests is obvious. The patients felt better, some infections were brought under control, an unconscious patient came round and a p tient with paralyzed legs recovered," he said.

"The strength of their immunities as a whole improved," he said, adding that he wanted to test the drug for one more year.

Developed by the Liaoning Seadebride Medicine Corp. Saidefu had been tested on a handful of patients from March to May, doctors said. Officials at Liaoning Seadebride were unavailable to comment.

Xu Lianzhi, a doctor at Beijing's You'an Hospital, said in trials the drug had cured skin infections and made the six patients taking it well enough to go home.

"We are not sure if the infections will break out again. We will go on with this research," she said.

Liu Kangmai, an official at the China Venereal Disease and AIDS Prevention Association, also warned that it was too early to start trumpeting Saidefu as an AIDS cure.

"We have found some herbal medicines that help relieve AIDS symptoms such as mouth ulcers, rashes or other skin diseases. But we need more proof about their effects," he said, adding that there were no herbal AIDS cures sold publicly.

The number of people in China carrying the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS reached 3,341 by the end of 1995, Xinhua news agency said. Of the total 117 were suffering from AIDS, it said.

"AIDS has actually threatened everyone and the whole nation must pay careful attention to it," Chen Chunming, an official with the National Specialists' Committee for Preventing and Controlling AIDS, said, adding that the real number of sufferers could be far higher.

Liu said 80 of the 117 sufferers found in China had died.

New Anti-AIDS Drug Gets Approval

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The U.S. government has granted approval to the AIDS fighting drug Nevirapine for use by patients who have begun to exhibit symptoms of the disease.

The drug, to be marketed as Viramune by Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, was approved under an accelerated procedure by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the agency announced in a news release.

It is the first in a new class of drugs using nucleoside analogues, the company said in a news release.

Because the AIDS virus rapidly develops resistance to Nevirapine alone, it must be used in conjunction with other nucleoside drugs already available, such as AZT and DDI, the company said.

"We have much to learn about the most effective combination therapies," said Maureen Myers, the clinical program director of virology at Boehringer Ingelheim. "Viramune adds a new option to combination therapy and provides physicians with the first of a new class of drugs to treat HIV infection."

The accelerated procedure under which Viramune was approved is designed to make promising drugs available to sick patients before conclusive results are known.

Strawberries and Raspberries May Carry Cyclospora Parasite Risk

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Recent outbreaks of severe diarrhea from the cyclospora parasite could come from strawberries or raspberries, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control said.

The sickness, which can also cause nausea, has particularly hit the east coast states, the CDC said. The center recommends washing fruit well before eating it, but noted that may not be enough to halt the parasite.

Meanwhile, the Food and Drug Administration this week began surveillance on raspberries from Guatemala following news that three new states had reported outbreaks of cyclospora that were linked to rasberries.

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KHORASAN REGIONAL ELECTRICITY COMPANY TO BE CONNECTED TO NATIONAL ELECTRICITY NETWORK

The Third Exhibition of Iran's Power Industry enjoys massive participation of regional electricity companies who intend to display their technical accomplishments and keep up-to-date in the field. Meanwhile, transfer of technology receives prime concern from the responsible authorities and the participants. One of the active participants in this year's exposition is Khorasan Regional Electricity Company (KREC), always known for its technical and executive abilities.

Engineer Mas'oud Hojjat, the managing director of the company, attended an interview to comment more on his company's activities to the *Tehran Times* reporter:

Khorasan Regional Electricity Company is one of the important regional electricity companies of the country. The company has mainly stood first among the regional companies. Its technical and project administrative capabilities enable the company to be active in most of the power industry projects through its affiliated companies.

Also the company manufactures power equipment to be distributed in national markets. The company accomplishes almost 10% of total power projects of the country. In some cases the rate may be 1% more or less.

Precisely speaking KREC performs 8% of power generation installations and in the case of agriculture in the province the rate stands at 30%; because the province is dependant on the underground water reservoir. To extract water, there should be prepared electricity.

In the case of industry, however, only 3,5% to 4% of the national electricity network is utilized in the province, because the province is not active enough in industry.

Plans are made to connect Khorasan electricity to national electricity network; also decisions are made by the responsible authorities to inaugurate the project by the President Hashemi Rafsanjani in near future. The two networks are supposed to be connected to each other by a transmission line from Neishaboor to Ali-Abad, Qorgan. Also 40 minutes time difference between Khorasan Province and Tehran will be utilized to improve national network total load.

The plan will save almost 280 MW energy for the total capacity of the national network. The benefit of the energy saved will be more than the cost of the project.

To accomplish the project in the shortest time possible, the executive operations will be launched from different spots between Ali-Abad and Neishaboor.

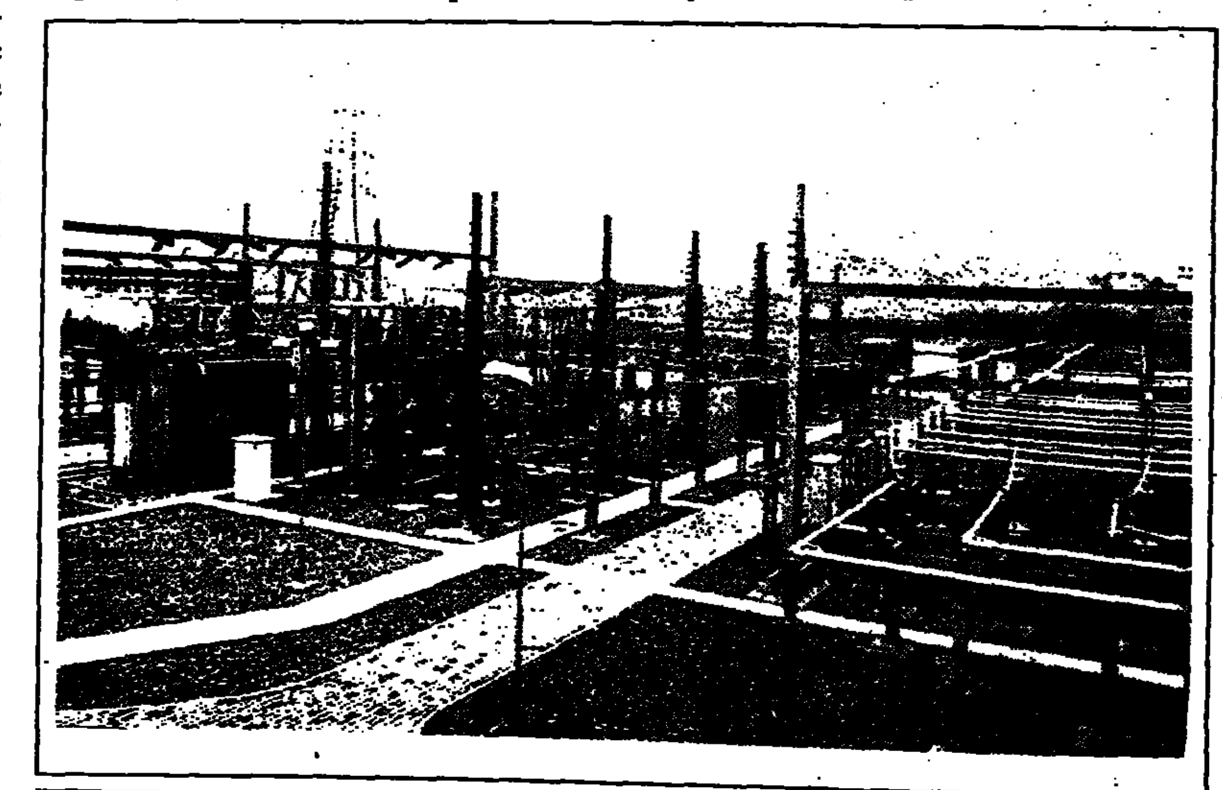
Concerning quality and quantity rates, due to different cultural factors, being far away from the war issues, and lack of sufficient industrial activities all regional experts were attracted to the company. Regarding manpower, KREC enjoys close collaboration of a huge number of manpower, compared to other regional companies. This has enabled the affiliated companies of Khorasan Regional Electricity Company to fulfill projects in different corners of the Islamic country. For example some experts work on the gas turbine power plant in Kish Island, while others have the responsibility to materialize projects in Qeshm, Sistan-Baluchestan, Zabol, Chabahar, Shiraz and also in Khoy Combine Cycle Power Plant. Furthermore Etanir has taken the responsibility to connect transmission lines of Maraqeh to Zanjan.

It is for two years that Khorasan Regional Electricity Company holds the first stand among the regional electricity companies of the country. In tandem with the activities of KREC, its affiliated Tous Company manufactures power equipment. This company has the final say in this regard in the country. Plans are made to export its products.



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Koohsangi, Mashhad, 132 kv substation

It should be noted that in Khorasan power plants almost 730 MW steam parts, 845 MW gas parts and 94 MW diesel parts have been installed. These parts are focused in 5 steam and gas power plants and 8 diesel power plants. At present all the above-mentioned power plants are active and produce a total of 1550 MW and 2879 kilometers of transmission lines procure electricity for the province in a land area of 313000 square meters. Also the distribution of energy to 20 kv power consumption network is performed by 19310 kilometers of transmission lines.

Due to the long distance transmission of 132 kv energy has brought about problems for the company. The problem will be removed by the establishment of 400 kv and 132 kv substations in different cities of the country. Most of the operational activities of the latter has been fulfilled so far in Neishaboor to Heidariyeh and Qayen routes.

The company is hopeful to remove all the problems that may exist in the way of connecting north and south power networks by the end of 1997. The project is being firmly carried out. The length of the 400 kv transmission line is almost 162 km to the moment which compared to the national network lines is something like 1,3%. The other line consists 2243 km or 28,5% of the total transmission lines of the country. 63 kv transmission lines is estimated to have 474 km or 3,1% of the national power lines. Fully accomplishing the project, the company will add 137 km of transmission lines in Tous-Qayen route.

Khorasan Regional Electricity Company is one of the busiest electricity companies of the country, because it offers services to far away villages of the province, due to the number and distance of the villages of the vast province of Khorasan.

Equipping villages with electricity is on the agenda of KREC. Considering the fact that from a total 31128 villages of the country 2603 villages are located in Khorasan Province, that is to say 8.4%, the task seems to be hard but possible.

Also 8% of the state population live in Khorasan Province scattered in villages and small cities. Generation of the electricity in these villages requires very long transmission lines.

On the whole the following projects will receive the utmost attention on the part of the company:

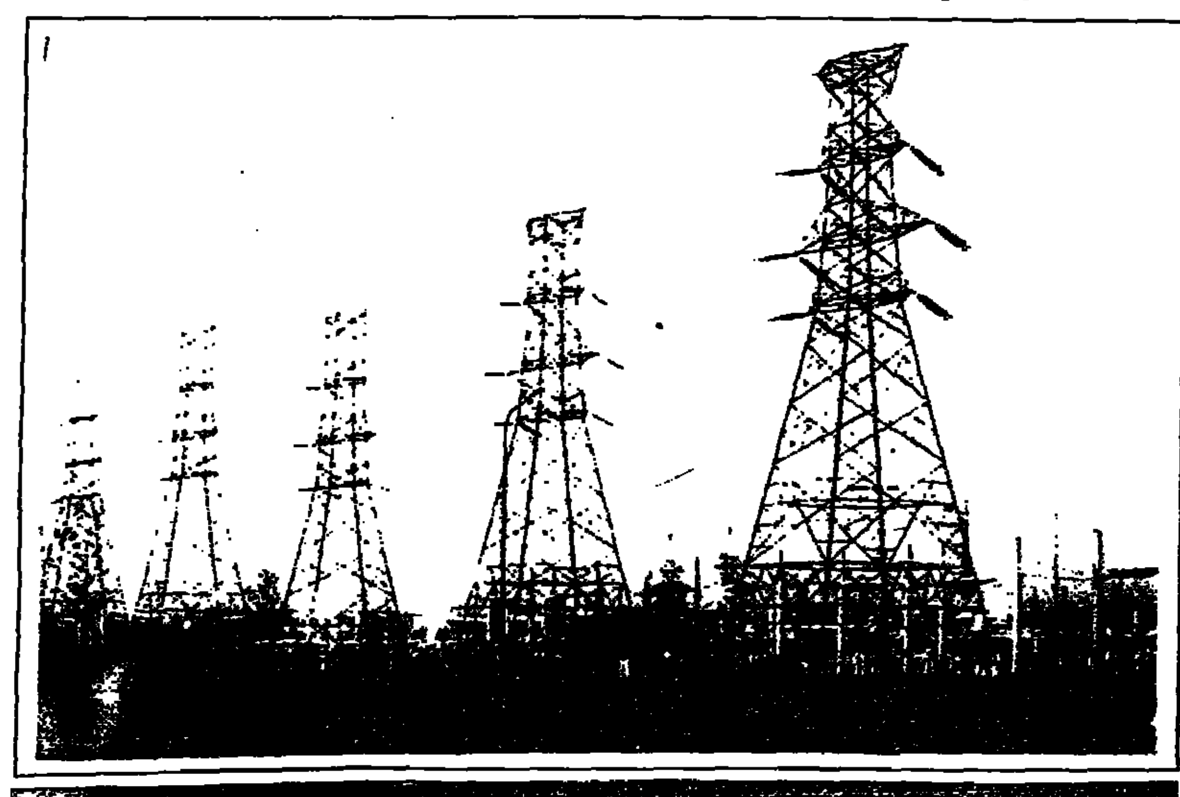
1- Connection to the national electricity network

2- Putting into circuit of 400 kv network

3- To maintain and improve power equipment manufacturing

In the case of equipment manufacturing, as it was

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132 kv outlets of Shari'ati Power Plant, Mashhad

Visit Khorasan Regional Electricity Company's stand at the 3rd Exhibition of Iran's Power Industry at the Permanent Location of Tehran International Fairs.

KREC, the Most Active, Among Reg[illegible]

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mentioned earlier, Tous Company is active in manufacturing fuses, small reactors, hot pieces of turbine and the like. Now the company's aim is quality and quantity improvement of the products.

The company has also endeavored scientific and technical researches to get familiar with the applied aspects of the studies. To do this KREC has invited the interested researchers and innovators to prepare facilities for manufacturing power equipment in the affiliated companies.

Directing the researches toward perfection has always been the prime concern of the company. It is clear that compiling a suitable strategy to direct the researches and to develop power industry cannot be accomplished without evaluating research potentialities and identifying scientific requirements.

One of the valuable achievements of KREC in late 1995 has been the support it gave to research projects to organize them in the industry and the affiliated companies. To accomplish the task, the company constituted central committee last winter, which according to the priorities and requirements assigned by Power Research Council ratifies useful projects.

Some Scientific Researches and Activities Made by KREC in 1995

1- Concluding seven suspended research projects

2- Finalizing four domestic manufacturing projects

3- Collaboration with Ferdowsi University and research centers to hold scientific seminars

4- Development of scientific board consisting 153 university professors

5- Installation and exploitation of Internet and BBC databases to prepare necessary technical information for the managers, researches and experts. The project was done with the collaboration of Telecommunications Company of Iran, Engineering Faculty of Ferdowsi University and Power Research Center.

6- Active participation in expositions and seminars



KREC's stand at the 3rd Exhibition of Iran's Power Industry

Also Engineer Tafaqqod, head of the Committee for Holding Exhibitions in Khorasan, participated in the interview to comment on the exposition. He said the main objective behind holding the exhibition is to make the public familiar with the advancements, activities, creativities and latest accomplishments in power industry. Transfer of information and technology among experts of different departments of Ministry of Energy and electricity companies, also making the interested and the experts familiar with the latest accomplishments and information on power equipment procurement in the country received prime concern from the responsible authorities and the participant companies.

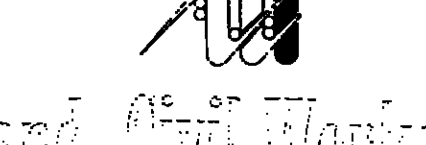
Introducing the activities of newly established companies, affiliated to the Ministry of Energy, who are active in executive engineering and service activities, preparing new projects for the aforementioned companies, making the domestic industrialists familiar with the requirements of productive units, transmitting electricity and procurement of equipment and necessities all were given special attention in the third fair.

Khorasan and its four affiliated companies have actively took part in the exhibition to pursue the objectives mentioned earlier. In the main stand of KREC a report of the activities undertaken by the company is available to the public and others. The report covers all the activities before and after the Revolution.

As in other power pavilions, necessary equipment of power generation and transmission, produced in Iran is displayed to the interested to reinforce the move toward self-sufficiency in power industry in the country.

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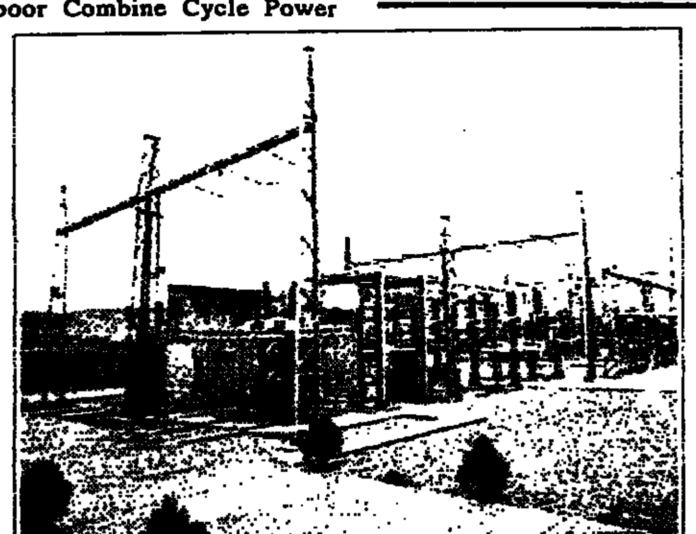
Installation of Power Plants, Transmission Lines, Substations and Civil Works

Etanir Company is one of the active participants of the 3rd Exhibition of Iran's Power Industry. The company's managing director, Engineer Motavallizadeh elaborated on the activities and accomplishments of his company to the *Tehran Times* reporter at Permanent Location of Tehran International Fairs.

Etanir Company, affiliated to Khorasan Regional Electricity Company, has launched its executive activities in 1993. The purpose beyond the foundation of this company and the like in other regional electricity companies goes back to the Islamic government's policies concerning decentralization and privatization of the state organizations. As a state company, Etanir used to materialize transmission lines projects by directly administering the process. Pursuant to the aforementioned policies the company was developed into the private sector. That was the starting point for the company to spread its activities to other provinces of the country. Etanir is also active in Fars Province power plants, Shari'ati Power Plant and Neishaboor Combine Cycle Power Plant. Also the company has installed tens of transmission substations nationwide along with hundreds of kilometers of 400, 230, 132 and 63 kv transmission lines.

To make Etanir activities still clearer, the managing director went on to say that his company has materialized many projects on building construction, power plants, transmission lines, administration buildings. At present the company has undertaken the responsibility to establish Neishaboor Combine Cycle Power Plant; also many structure and campus systems of transmission substations in Khorasan, Semnan, Sistan-Baluchestan, Hormozgan and Tehran provinces are under progress.

Concerning the future projects, the managing directorof Etanir expressed hope that his company would be supported by the responsible authorities to extend its activities to the Persian Gulf littoral states and Central Asian countries to offer services on installation and exploitation of power substations, transmission lines, power plants, equipment procurement.





Concerning transmission substations, the company has installed and put into operation many substations. Furthermore, Bardeskan, Soltan-Abad and Feiz-Abad 132 kv substations in Khorasan province are under progress, also hundreds of kilometers of transmission lines — the most outstanding ones Tous-Neishaboor, Neishaboor-Shadmehr and Gayen-Gonabad 400 kv transmission lines — are being established at the moment.

Etanir is one of the exemplary companies who have fully accomplished civil works of giant power plants, combine cycle power plants as Neishaboor Combine Cycle Power Plant and Shari'ati Power Plant.

Never before the establishment of the company in Khorasan Province had such accomplishments been conducted. So Etanir might well be considered a pioneer in this regard in the region.

Following the Islamic government's policies concerning privatization and transfer of technology, the company has endeavored to attain high capability in transmission lines system, relying on its qualified personnel from the very beginning of its establishment.

In this regard Etanir has gained the ability to install and exploit power plants, transmission lines and substations counting on its own Iranian experts and engineers. So have the other parallel companies.

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Finally Engineer Motavallizadeh outlined different units of Etanir and elaborated on their responsibilities in the company:

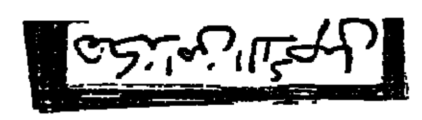
A- Technical Unit which plays a pivotal role in administering and carrying out the projects. Relying on this unit, the company has accomplished many important projects nationwide.

B- Building Construction Unit which is responsible for constructing buildings of tens of high-voltage substations

C- Transmission Lines Unit. Its accomplishments from the very beginning of the establishment of the company exceeds hundreds of kilometers of 132 and 400 kv transmission lines nationwide.

D- Transmission Substations Unit. From beginning of its activities in 1983, the unit has installed and exploited over 20 transmission substations around the country.

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NASA Chooses Lockheed for Next Generation Shuttle

PASADENA, California (AFP) – NASA has chosen Lockheed Martin to build its next generation space shuttle — a futuristic wedge-shaped vehicle designed to haul more people and cargo into space.

Amid much fanfare, Vice President Al Gore made the announcement here Tuesday at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "This is the craft that can carry America's dreams aloft and launch our nation into a sparkling new century," he said.

Lockheed Martin's proposal, dubbed the X-33, prevailed over entries from McDonnell Douglas and Rockwell International.

The new shuttle, which unlike previous ones will be run by the private sector, should be ready for flight by 2003 to transport material, equipment and personnel to the future Alpha International Space Station, the construction of which will begin next year.

The new shuttle, which may blast off 30 times a year, will also ship satellites into low orbit. And it could also propel into space tourists willing to spend $100,000 for the adventure.

Key to the new shuttle is its ability to fly multiple missions with quicker turnaround and lower overhead than present systems.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration administrator Daniel Goldin said the new shuttle will open a new chapter in space adventure because it will be operated by the private sector, allowing NASA to concentrate on "science, technology and the defense of our nation."

The new shuttle aims to compete with launchers such as the one-shot Ariane rockets or the current space shuttle which requires external boosters.

Because it is reusable, the X-33 is supposed to lower launch fees from $10,000 per pound ($4,500 per kilogram) to $1,000 ($450).

The prototype X-33, which has a triangular shape, is a half-scale model of the final version and should be ready to make trial flights in 1999.

NASA will spend $941 million in preliminary contracts to Lockheed Martin, which, for its part, will invest $220 millions in the "Venture Star" project.

NASA does not plan to finance final construction of the X-33, which could cost as much as $8 billion.

The new shuttle will take off vertically and will land like an airplane. Powered by a mix of oxygen and liquid hydrogen, it will be equipped with a new "aerospike" engine and can fly with or without a pilot.

In his announcement, Gore noted that the project should generate about 2,000 new jobs for Lockheed Martin in California.

The Clinton administration has paid particularly close political attention to California, which is key to a Clinton re-election victory in November.

"It's unfortunate that we had to wait for an election year to get the president's commitment to developing reusable rocket technology," Republican Congressman Dana Rohrabacher of California said in a statement.

The announcement was a coup for Lockheed Martin, which is the result of a merger last year between Lockheed Corporation and Martin Marietta. The giant company employs 190,000 people.

Brazil Authorities Want Mendes Killer Kept in Jail

BRASILIA (AFP) – Brazilian federal police were fighting Tuesday to keep jailed here Darli Alves, the man convicted of ordering his son to murder Amazon environmental activist Chico Mendes.

Alves, 65, recaptured Sunday, escaped in 1993 from jail in the state of Acre in the Amazon region, with the complicity of local police, according to authorities here.

A federal police spokesman told AFP that it was "up to the local judge in Acre" to decide where Alves serves out his sentence.



BRASILIA, Brazil (July 1): Darli Alves da Silva (R), assassin of Chico Mendes, a leader in the Ecology Movement, arrives at the airport in Brasilia, accompanied by a military policeman. Mendes was killed in 1988.

(AFP PHOTO)

Recaptured in the Amazonian state of Para, where he had bought a farm and raised cattle, Alves was flown the same day to Brasilia "to prevent another escape," the spokesman said.

Alves, a big Amazonian landowner, was convicted in 1990 of ordering his son Darci, 31, to kill Mendes in December 1988 in Acre. Both were sentenced to 19 years jail.

They escaped three years ago and the son is still at large, though federal police say his recapture is "imminent".

Darli Alves faces trial for another murder in June 1973 of a real estate agent in southern Brazil, police said.

Ecologist Mendes enraged local landowners by opposing the uncontrolled logging of the Amazon jungle.

Using a human chain with supporters he blocked farmers from mowing down forests for pasture.

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Washington Launches New Campaign Against Cuba at UN

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) -- The United States launched another diplomatic attack against Cuba at the United Nations, hoping to get the Security Council to denounce Havana over the February downing of two U.S. planes.

Washington is hoping for UN criticism of Cuba in the wake of a report by the International Civil Aviation Organization on the February incident in which Cuba MiGs downed two Cessnas piloted by U.S.-based anti-Castro activists.

because Washington is aware it is virtually impossible to obtain UN measures or sanctions against Cuba.

UN spokeswoman Sylvana Foa, meanwhile, said the Security Council was not scheduled to review the ICAO report for at least one week.

The ICAO document is 240 pages long and needs to be translated, including in Chinese, which is one of the UN's six official languages.

The report concluded that Cubans downed the planes outside Cuban air space.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena began discussions with UN officials including current Security Council President Alain Dejammet of France, diplomats said.

Western diplomats said the United States was hoping to obtain a Security Council resolution criticizing or even condemning Cuba for the incident. The resolution is being sought for domestic U.S. political reasons, a diplomat said.

KATHMANDU, Nepal (July 1): King Birendra of Nepal addresses two houses at the tenth session of Parliament in Kathmandu. During the address the king highlighted the socioeconomic and political programs of the tripartite government.

(AFP PHOTO)

Amnesty International Raps U.S. on CIA Links to Rights Abuses

WASHINGTON (AFP) -- Amnesty International rapped the United States for links between the Central Intelligence Agency and Guatemalans who have a record of human rights abuses.

Amnesty International was responding to last week's report by the presidential intelligence oversight board investigating killings and disappearances in Guatemala and the conduct of the CIA.

The IOB report criticized the CIA for the way it handled its paid informants in Guatemala, saying they were linked to "serious human rights violations" there.

"It is easy to see that the systematic failure by the CIA to properly address human rights concerns relates to its operations throughout the world," said Carlos Salinas, Amnesty International's program officer for Latin America, during a news conference.

Though he called the report a valuable first step toward addressing problems at the CIA, Salinas said "It is now time to begin discussions on reforming the system to ensure that violations are not committed with the support of the U.S. government."

Salinas said the report left important questions unanswered, among them:

* How many other CIA stations were or are in close contact with paid assets or liaisons who commit human rights violations?

* How many other intelligence operations rely on those known to be involved in human rights violations?

* Is there political will at the highest levels of the administration to change the way the U.S. Intelligence Community conducts its business?

Hong Kong Speeds Up Vietnamese Repatriations

HONG KONG (AFP) -- Hong Kong authorities plan the forced repatriation of around 600 Vietnamese boat people in July, many of whom were moved from detention camps Wednesday, a government spokesman said.

The 600 Vietnamese will be repatriated on five flights in July.

Around 550 Vietnamese were moved from Whitehead Detention Center to Victoria Prison where they were to undergo documentation and medical checks. Another 50 are already at the prison.

The government has stepped up attempts to reorganize the notorious Whitehead Center, the scene of many riots and escape attempts in recent years. Around 450 Vietnamese were moved to the High Island Camp. Another 650 were expected to be removed.

The government hopes to close one of the three remaining Hong Kong detention camps in September.

The mainly southern Vietnamese in the Tai a Chau Camp will be transferred to Whitehead in September, while High Island will be used exclusively for northern Vietnamese.

A government spokesman said the Vietnamese had moved out without any protests, but there was a strong police presence.

There have been riots and mass breakout attempts ahead of previous forced repatrations.

On May 10, 119 inmates escaped during riots at Whitehead. Last week authorities foiled a mass escape attempt by 200 Vietnamese at High Island.

Growing Number of Japanese Want Fewer Foreign Workers

TOKYO (AFP) -- A growing number of Japanese want their country to refuse foreign workers because of the economic situation, although a majority are still in favor of letting them in, a newspaper poll showed.

The survey was conducted by the Yomiuri Shimbun June 22 and 23, covering 3,000 eligible voters, of whom 68 percent responded.

The Japan's largest national daily said an economic slowdown was believed to have affected public opinion towards foreign workers.

Fifty-eight percent of respondents said Japan should "positively" or "to some extent" accept foreign workers, down 14 percentage points from a similar poll in May 1991.

In comparison, 37 percent said Japan should "never" accept foreign workers, or not accept them "if possible." The figure is up 15 percentage points from the May 1991 poll.

Meanwhile, the Yomiuri poll found that nearly one in three Japanese put more emphasis on Asia than on Western countries in terms of Japan's basic diplomatic policy.

Asked if Japan should place great importance on Asia or Western countries for future diplomatic policy, 47 percent said "both," while 31 percent said Asia and six percent said Western countries.

The Yomiuri said this poll was intended to seek what Japan should be in the future.

On domestic affairs, the survey found that 56 percent believed welfare spending should be boosted even if that means taxes must be raised. The figure represents a 10 percentage point rise compared with a similar poll in March 1989, just before the consumption tax was introduced to Japan.

Young Indian Hands Weave Fine Carpets for a Pittance

RAMGARH, India (AFP) -- Ten-year-old Chandni labors for 10 hours a day at a primitive loom, weaving intricate carpet designs to earn a measly two rupees (five cents).

The bright-eyed Gamine is one of several thousand children illegally employed in carpet factories dotting the villages of the Indian desert state of Rajasthan, producing quality goods mainly for export to the West.

Child labor is illegal in India, but the country has the world's largest workforce of pre-teens because the laws remain largely on paper, particularly in socially backward states like Rajasthan.

Activists say some 500,000 people are employed in Rajasthan's carpet industry, which is growing by about 30 percent every year due to the closure of many units in nearby Kashmir, a traditional carpet producer.

"The number of children below 14 engaged in the carpet industry in Rajasthan is around 240,000," said Joseph Ganthia, who works for a nongovernmental group battling child slavery.

Nearly 90 percent of the work force comprises young girls, who are forced by their families to earn money for their marriage dowry, Ganthia said.

Chandni's employer, Deen Dayal Meena, who oversees eight other girls at his two looms in a village near this small town, said he paid them up to 35 rupees (1$) a day.

Meena earns 2,000 to 3,500 rupees (57 and 100 dollars) per carpet depending on the intricacy of their designs, which are dictated by a supervisor in a sing-song voice to the children as they weave.

But Chandni later told AFP, away from Meena's promptings, that she received much less for her work, which she has been doing for more than a year.

"I want to study but I cannot because my father has no work," she said, adding that her greatest wish was to be able to spend a few rupees at the local village fair.

Despite the penury, Chandni says she is contented because her father does not beat her and she can play with friends after work.

One of Chandni's co-workers, a 13-year-old girl who shyly confessed to being married at 10, said her earnings over the years had gone towards the dowry for her groom's family, though she said she had a "little bit left over."

Rajasthan's feudal social structure continues to flourish in villages where the birth of a girl is a cause for sorrow -- mainly because of the heavy dowry her marriage will involve. Female infanticide is common in remote areas.

Laws prohibiting child labor are flouted brazenly all over Rajasthan.

"The loom owners have no fear," said an activist, Ram Tiwari. "No one raids these places, there is no checking. Everything is done openly."

Ninety percent of india's carpets are exported, mainly to the West and the Middle East. Growing international concern over the exploitation of children in the country has led to limited sanctions against the carpet industry.

But mainstream political parties do not seem concerned about child labor. Taking advantage of the apathy, loom owners employ children because they cost less and are less prone to unionism than adults.

Tens of thousands of children are also employed in other industries in Rajasthan, including quarrying, gem polishing and tourism.

India, the world's largest carpet exporter after Iran, sold carpets worth $600 million overseas in fiscal 1994-95 to March. New Delhi says it will take measures to eradicate child labor.

Australian Migrant Levels Cut to Attack Unemployment

SYDNEY (AFP) -- The government said it would cut immigration levels by eight percent and crack down on immigrants using sham marriages to gain entry into Australia.

Prime Minister John Howard said the moves were an attempt to bring down high unemployment rates amongst some immigrant groups.

"We are concerned about the level of unemployment amongst the preferential section of the family reunion part of the program," Howard said.

He said the quota of skilled migrants would rise while the numbers coming in under the family reunion scheme, among whom unemployment was running at more than 30 percent, would drop.

But the number of refugee and humanitarian migrants would remain at current levels and the selection of migrants would be non-discriminatory.

"We are not going to look at the color of a person's skin or their country of origin," Howard said.

"We are going to put some greater emphasis on English language skills and we're going to introduce some additional obligations in relation to sponsorship."

The changes appear to be in breach of the coalition's election promise not to significantly vary the intake.

But Howard said the new immigration quota of 74,000, which does not include the 14,000 humanitarian intake, was closer to the figure of three years ago.

The immigration intake has varied from about 140,000 in the late 1980s to as low as 62,800 in the early 1990s.

Immigration Minister Philip Ruddock said the government would move to stamp out sham marriages which enabled people to fraudulently gain entry into Australia.

But he denied the Immigration Department would be bursting into bedrooms to check the bona fides of relationships.

"What we look for are the external factors that evidence a relationship and there are a whole range of those -- it can be the extent to which people mix their funds, the extent to which people are seen living together by friends."

Under the new rules, only Australian citizens will be able to sponsor people under the preferential family category.

Parents applying for residency to join their children will have to prove that a clear majority of their children, not just half, live in Australia.



WASHINGTON, DC, United States: Former Clinton administration Director of Personnel Security Craig Livingstone arrives to testify before the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington DC. Livingstone took responsibility for the gathering of over 700 FBI files on former White House employees and high ranking republicans and also announced that he was resigning his position.

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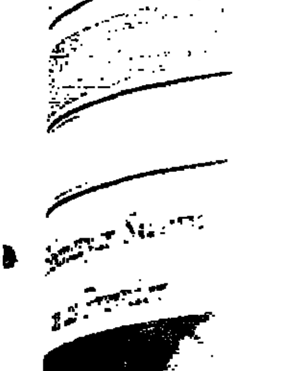
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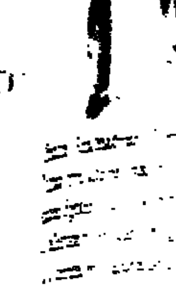
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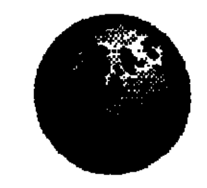
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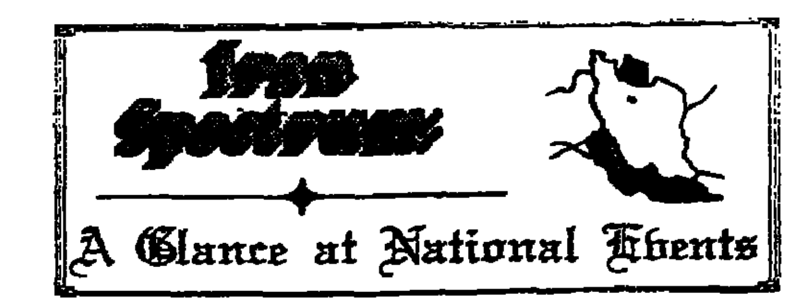
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WORLD NEWS

Wednesday, June 26

Hekmatyar Sworn in as Premier



Gulbuddin Hekmatyar former Afghan opposition leader and Mujahadeen fighter, 50, swore the oath of allegiance to the Afghan state at a ceremony attended by about 500 guests in a once-plush Kabul hotel.

Police in Lithuania Put on Alert for UFO

An unidentified flying object was sighted by two Lithuanian policemen near their capital Vilnius, putting the city's entire force on alert.

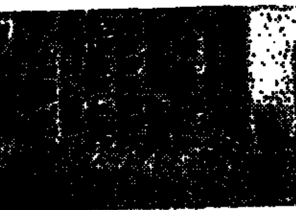
Council of Europe Wants New Election

The Council of Europe called on Albania to hold new elections, saying recent voting that produced a landslide win for President Sali Berisha's Democratic Party had not been free and fair.

Georgia to Return 140,000 Books

The former Soviet Republic of Georgia is to return some 140,000 books smuggled by the Red Army into Georgia via the Soviet Union in 1945.

19 Dead, 386 Wounded in Saudi Bomb Attack



A bomb attack on a Saudi air base killed 19 Americans and wounded a total of 386 other people including U.S. nationals, Saudis and Bangladeshis.

Pakistani Police Detain Anti-Tax Demonstrators



Pakistani police detained 15 women demonstrating outside the Parliament as it passed the national budget despite a boycott by opposition deputies. Thousands of Jamaat-e-Islami Party also participated in the rally and pledged to continue their movement until the dismissal of Bhutto's government.

Tens of Thousands of Voters Disenfranchised

About 20 MPs of the Nepal Communist Party-United Marxist and Leninist (NCP-UML) stood up after the session was declared open to charge that the Election Commission (EC) had dropped names while updating the voters' list.

Thursday, June 27

100,000 Protest on Eve of Austerity Plan Debate

Some 100,000 German workers nationwide protested a government austerity program in Bonn, the day before lawmakers were due to approve a controversial plan of deep spending cuts.

England Wins Consolation Fair Play Award

England were named by UEFA as the winners of the Euro 96 fair play trophy but coach Terry Venables could draw little comfort from the award.

Death Toll in Kabul Rocket Attack Rises to 64

The death toll following the most murderous rocket and shell attack on the besieged Afghan capital in more than a year has risen to at least 64, and more than 138 civilians were wounded.

81 Immigrants Deported From France

France has deported 61 Mali and 20 Senegal nationals as part of a campaign to stamp out illegal immigration. A total of 6,231 people have been deported from France this year.

Friday, June 28

G7 Agreed on IMF Gold Sales

G7 leaders agreed on the sale of International Monetary Fund (IMF) gold to fund support for poor countries, two key ministers said, apparently ignoring objections from Germany.

Over 10,000 Fraudulent Ballot Papers found

More than 10,000 fraudulent voting slips were uncovered by the opposition Labor Party after a partial inquest into May 29 elections which were won by the Israeli right by less than 30,000 votes.

Erbakan, Turkey's First Islamist PM

Necmettin Erbakan of the Welfare Party became the first Islamist Prime Minister in the 73-year history of the secular Turkish Republic.

Ciller Becomes FM in Erbakan Govt.



Former Premier Tansu Ciller became foreign minister and deputy premier in Islamist Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan's coalition government.

Chirac Warns Clinton Over Cuba, Iran, Libya



French President Jacques Chirac warned U.S. counterpart Bill Clinton of tit-for-tat reprisals if Washington tries to punish Europeans who do business with Cuba, Iran or Libya.

Vietnam Opens 8th Communist Party Congress

Vietnam opened its eighth Communist Party Congress, which will select a new leadership to steer the country into the next century and map out the future of economic reforms.

IMF Official Gets 11-Year Jail Term

A Beijing court convicted a Chinese national working for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) of accepting a bribe before he began working for the IMF and sentenced him to 11 years in jail.

Saturday, June 29

Veteran Communist Named Indian Home Minister

Indian Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda named veteran communist Indrajit Gupta as the country's powerful home minister, a day after communists joined the federal government for the first time.

G7 Urges Israel to Stick to "Land for Peace"



Leaders of the Group of Seven most industrialized nations and Russia sent a strong signal to the new Israeli government, urging it not to abandon the Middle East peace process.

Petroleum Co. Sacks 3,000 Workers

About 3,000 employees, including more than 600 directors and top officials of the Nigerian state-owned oil company have been sacked in Lagos.

U.S.-Japan Air Talks End in Failure

Two days of U.S.-Japan talks aimed at resolving civil aviation disputes ended in failure, with no date set for a new round.

Talks on Maritime Transport Suspended Until 2000

The 54 countries involved in negotiations to deregulate the world maritime transport market have suspended talks until 2000.

Algerian Leader Shot and Wounded

One of Algeria's most prominent Islamic leaders Sheikh Ahmed Sahnoun was shot and seriously wounded as he said prayers in an Algiers Mosque.

Sunday, June 30

World's Biggest Boat in a Bottle

A small fishing boat, 5.2-meter, that once carried late French President Francois Mitterrand was bottled up, creating what local officials claim is the world's biggest boat in a bottle.

Simitis Elected Pasok Leader

Prime Minister Costas Simitis was elected as president of Greece's Governing Pasok Party.

2,300 Burundians Flee to Zaire and Rwanda

Burundians, apparently fleeing fighting between Hutus and the Burundi army in Cibitoke Province, have taken refuge in Rwanda and Zaire in the past few days.

Monday, July 1

Strike Ends at S. Korea's auto maker

Striking workers at South Korea's second largest auto maker, Kia Motors Corp., struck a last-minute agreement, ending an 11-day strike.

U.S. Blocks Implementation of Iraq Oil-for-Food Deal

The United States issued an effective veto of the oil-for-food deal with Iraq signed six weeks ago, saying Baghdad's latest proposal gives it too much control over food distribution.

Tuesday, July 2

10,000 Protest to President Over Peace Accord

Up to 10,000 people invaded an air force base in the southern Philippines to protest President Fidel Ramos' attempts to get support for a peace accord with Muslim activists.

36 Killed in Chinese Firework Factory Blast

At least 36 people died and 47 were seriously injured in three explosions at a fireworks factory in the southwestern Chinese province of Sichuan.

IRAN NEWS

Wednesday, June 26

Non-Oil Export to Reach $1.5bn

The potential capacity of Iran's non-oil commodities export stands at $1.5 billion in the current year provided that the current obstacles on the way of export be raised.

President Honors Memory of 72 Top Officials Martyred

President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani in Tehran honored the memory of 72 top statesmen who attained martyrdom in a terrorist bomb blast at the Building of the Islamic Republic Party in Tehran in 1981.

Thursday, June 27

Ceremony Held for Destruction of Narcotic Drugs

In a ceremony attended by a group of political and judicial officials, a number of foreign ambassadors and political representatives and some martyrs' families in Tehran, over 28 tons of drugs were burned.

UNICEF Rep. Praises Iran

Representative of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Iran, Ibrahim Jabr, praised Iran for promoting the condition of children and women in the Middle East and the North African region.

Friday, June 28

Bijar Cement Plant Operational Soon

A 2,300-ton capacity cement plant is to start operation in Bijar, Kurdistan Province, shortly. The plant developed on an investment of Rls.200 billion and $42.5 million is to start six months in advance of its target date. The production capacity of the plant may later on be improved to 2,600 tons.

Saturday, June 29

Deadline Set For Illegal Afghan Refugees

Those Afghan refugees who do not possess valid resident cards have been asked to approach the local governorates till August 21 for exit papers.

Sunday, June 30

Iran, China Ink MOU

A memorandum of understanding was inked between the governments of Iran and China and private companies in the field of production and manufacture of medical and pharmaceutical instruments.

Monday, July 1

Over 17,000 Tons of Goods Transited to Central Asia

Over 17,000 tons of various commodities were transitted through the southern port of Bandar Lengeh on the Persian Gulf to the Central Asian countries last Iranian month (May 21-June 20).



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Stress-Proof Your Home

Jann Jasper, a veteran buyer of fleamarket treasures, accumulated so many possessions that she has no place to display or store them. So she piled them – still in boxes – in her living room with just enough space between them for a path. "It felt lousy to live that way," she admits. "Just looking around at all my stuff made me feel stressed.

Eventually Jasper's stress outweighed her pleasure in shopping, so she got rid of the clutter. And the ultimate mark of her reform is that she has become a professional organizing consultant in Jersey City, N.J., helping others make their homes serene. "People tend to underestimate how much clutter contributes to their stress," she says.

Clutter is not the only source of stress that may make a house anything but the haven it ought to be. Ringing phones and loud TV sets, for instance, can disrupt peace, as can conflicting demands of career, homemaking and parenting. "With so much change and conflict and striving to meet challenges, stress inevitably gets into the house," says Carl Pickhardt, a psychologist in Austin, Texas.

Though a certain amount of stress may be inevitable, its causes can be controlled. Here are some practical ways to get the calm we want at home.

A Central Place. Experts are unanimous that scheduling and organizing reduce stress. Why do so many of us resist suggestions to get organized? Probably because doing so requires an initial investment of ??? and energy we feel we can't afford – even though the payback come in dramatic savings of time and money.

When Kathy Young, a Houston mother of two, decided to get organized, she hung a six-by-three-foot bulletin board in her kitchen. It is the family's message center. Each person's messages are written in a different color, so family members can easily find their own. Also on the board is all the information the family needs to keep track of one another and of the house: work schedules, classes, sports events, errands to run.

Four large manila envelopes are posted too – labeled "household repair," "car servicing," "food" and "miscellaneous" – for coupons, business cards, ads and any other relevant information. "Without the board," says Young, "my house would probably collapse."

Don Aslett, author of *Clutter's Last Stand*, staves off the stress of disorganization on his house with a portable calendar that has the largest date-squares he can find. He used it to keep track of birthdays, invitations and appointments. As soon as a wedding or graduation announcement comes in, he jots down the data, then tosses it to minimize clutter.

"Having one notebook or pad in a central place where you habitually write things down is essential for organizing and for lowering stress" says Jann Jasper.

Box it. When their six children were growing up, management consultants Robert and Susan Bramson of Coulterville, Calif., kept a big basket at their front door for shoes, balls, books – the stuff their kids dropped on their way into the house. The Bramsons also had a box for every member of the family; when someone cleaned the house, objects could be tucked in that box instead of having to be hauled to a person's room right away. The family also imposed fines on those who added to the clutter by leaving their belongings scattered.

In a stress-free house, where things are stored should be decided on practical grounds. "Have a place to put everything you use near to where you use it," Aslett suggests. For example, keep a flashlight near your fuse box. This system not only ends frantic searches, but also keeps you from having to decide again and again where belengings should go.

Paper Tiger. The average person handles about 300 items of paper a day – bills, mail, brochures, magazines and newspapers. Jann Jasper counterattacks the paper deluge in her home be setting aside one mail-processing area, next to a wastebasket so she can throw away anything she doesn't want. This area is close to her files and appointment book. If a letter requires no response, she immediately discards it, files it if it has some personal value, or saves its address -- but she doesn't put it in a pile.

Share the Work. Stress can skyrocket in a home when one person feels he or she is doing all the household tasks. So you need to find efficient ways to organize the work and divide up the assignments.

The Bramsons focused on what jobs should be done first. Which had time constraints or deadlines? Which would get worse if nothing were done? Answering those questions helped them make a plan of action. With routine chores (washing dishes or vacuuming), prioritizing is less important than simply forging ahead and getting them done. The Bramsons sat down with their six children and wrote out who would do those tasks, when and how – to exact standards.

Instilling in your family the right attitude about cleaning can foster tranquillity. "Don't use it as punishment for kids by saying, 'Behave – or go clean your room.'" Aslett warns. And get everyone used to a schedule; putting off tasks so they loom over you can make you tense. Finally, get dad actively involved. "The father's example is the biggest governing factor about whether or not kids clean up the house," Aslett explains.

"Do I Really Need It?" Forty percent of cleaning a house is getting rid of clutter before you can clean. And the shuffling of stuff takes time. So does collecting too many belongings, as Jann Jasper learned. "If you don't keep it down," says Carl Pickhardt, "there's a relentless accumulation of things. It gets in the way of the business of the home." So how do you keep things from accumulating?

The easiest way to keep down clutter – and the stress it can cause is to stop bringing it into your house at all. Try the "one-in/one-out" rule: if you bring anything new into your home, remove something old at the same time.

Aslett suggests dumping the contents of an entire drawer, cabinet or close onto the middle of the floor or a bed. Then get four boxes, labeled "junk" for broken, outgrown, useless things; "charity/family" for still-good possessions you don't want; "repair" for useful items that need to be fixed; and "emotional withdrawal" for sentimental belongings you know you should get rid of but haven't been able to throw away.

As you decide each possession's fate, ask yourself: *Does this enhance my life now? Do I really need it?* Your answer will determine in what box you put each item.

Then there is Kathy Young's approach. Three or four times a week, she picks a drawer, shelf or other small area in her house where clutter has collected – and starts pitching. "It's easier to do in small chunks," she says.

Technological Moat. Dinners used to be bedlam at the home of Phoenix medical consultant Trudy Thompson Rice, her physician husband Bill and their four-year-old son. "The minute we sat down to eat, the phone would ring,," Trudy says. The calls were from friends, family, her clients, Bill's office or his patients – "all legitimate calls, but none urgent." Finally, to regain peace, she used technology to build a moat and cut stress around her house.

Now when the Rices eat dinner, a "do not disturb" message place automatically on their telephone answering machine says: "We're not taking calls at this time. Please call back later."

As Trudy says, "You don't have to be at everybody's beck and call all the time. If you don't carve out private time, you're no good to anybody."

Leave It at the Office. Without careful management, the day's frustrations and conflicts at work or school can be carried home, leading to more stress. The trick is to provide a transition from outside to inside the house and, once you get there, to have strategies for relaxing.

Barbara Mackoff, a Seattle consulting psychologist and author of *The Art of Self-Renewal,* suggests decompressing before you ever get up from your desk: save your easiest tasks for the end of the day, then use your commute to read or listen to music. Mackoff herself switches off work worries by focusing on her day's small successes when she's about to leave for home. This helps her fight off negative thoughts that could allow works stress to affect her private time.

Everett Moitoza and Elizabeth Hall-Moitoza, who helped run a family-therapy institute for five years in Portsmouth, N.H., had a rule: if they were going to talk business, they had to go physically to the business. "If we weren't willing to get in the car and drive to the office, then whatever we had to discuss wasn't urgent," says Everett. "We learned that most things can wait until tomorrow."

So can stress. Once you've put your own stress. Once you've put your own stress-busting strategies for your home in place, you should reap big dividends in extra time and energy.

Entertaining in Style



Lamb Pilaff (GREECE)

You will need...	1 small sweet red or green pepper
	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz. cornflour
	salt and pepper to taste
Preparation time 10 minutes	1 lb. stewing lamb, boned and diced
	3 tablespoons olive oil or corn oil
	3 onions, peeled and sliced
Cooking time 30-40 minutes	3 tomatoes, peeled and sliced
	1 chicken stock cube
	1 oz. seedless raisins
Oven setting 350 °F; gas mark 4	1 tablespoon lemon juice
	6 oz. long grain rice

Remove stalk and seeds from pepper and chop finely. Season the cornflour and toss the diced lamb in it. Heat the oil and lightly brown the meat on all sides. Remove and keep warm.

Lightly fry the onions and chopped pepper in the remaining oil, add the tomatoes, stock cube, raisins, lemon juice and $\frac{3}{4}$ pint boiling water. Stir in the rice, transfer to an ovenproof casserole. Season to taste.

Place meat on top of the rice, cover and cook in a moderate over for 30-40 minutes or until rice has absorbed all the liquid. Turn on to a warm plate and serve immediately.

Serves 4.

QUICK TIP

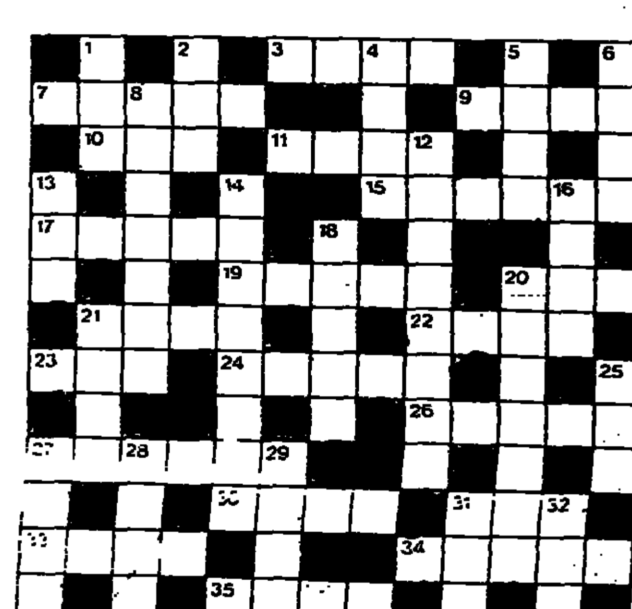
To remove the rather dehydrated appearance of raisins, stone them (if not already stoned) and immerse in boiling water before use. This will make them swell out and appear plump. Treat prunes in the same way.



Answers To Last Week's NAME GAME

Across: Godfrey, Richard, Gilbert, William, Patrick, Douglas, Stephen. The girl's name in the shaded square is Gillian.

QUICKIE



ACROSS
3. Strong-box (4)
7. Devil (5)
9. Rodent (4)
10. Hairpiece (3)
11. Beast's den (4)
15. Detective product (6)
17. Seat (5)
19. Small weight (5)
20. Puss (3)
21. Thrash (4)
22. Eagerly excited (4)
23. Hive insect (3)
24. Allude (5)
26. Terrific (5)
27. Loathe (6)
30. River deposit (4)
31. Pig-pen (3)
33. Horse's hair (4)
34. Say something (5)
35. Joke (4)

DOWN
1. Original (3)
2. Morass (3)
4. Blond (4)
5. Prod sharply (4)
6. Optimum (4)
8. Wondrous event (7)
12. Practise (8)
13. Deed (3)
14. Move forwards (8)
16. Rough rock (4)
18. Cutlery item (5)
20. Vie (7)
21. Small fair (4)
25. Parched (3)
27. Mute (4)
28. Quality of sound (4)
29. Become weary (4)
31. Health resort (3)
32. Tibetan ox (3)

(Solution next Thursday)



Feature

Facets of Countries

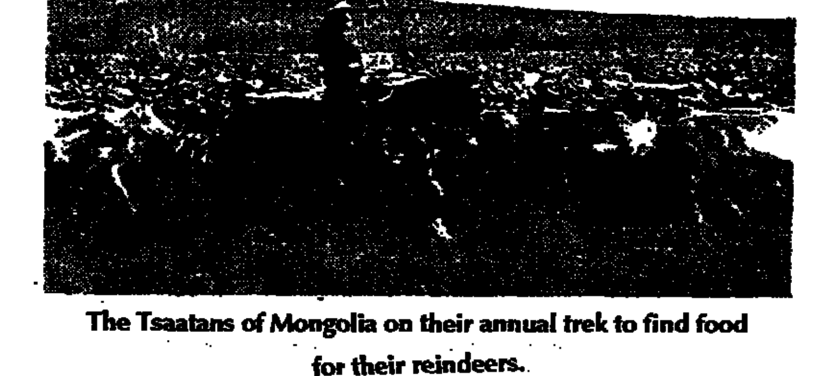
Spotlight: Mongolia

The Reindeer People

A fascinating glimpse of a unique nomadic lifestle unchanged for centuries.

Tehran Times Service

Five hundred miles to the north of Ulan Bator, the capital of Mongolia, lies the Lake Xoysgol region. The lake itself is 85 miles long and 23 miles wide. It lies 9,000 feet above sea level and there is nothing around it but emptiness.



The Tsaatans of Mongolia on their annual trek to find food for their reindeers.

But the area has great natural beauty, too. The forests surrounding the lake have been nicknamed the "Mongolian Switzerland" with larch and silver birch trees in profusion and thousands of glistening rivers running along the mountain slopes. There are also vast grassy plains where long, languorous waves of green spread out to meet the empty sky.

In winter the cold grips instantly; in summer, the plains can feel like an oven. These dizzying extremes of climate apply because the landmass of Mongolia is far from any ocean.

In this, one of the harshest regions on earth, live a handful of *nomadic men and women, the* Tsaatan, whose lives revolve entirely around the reindeer which *share the land with them.*



For hunting, Tsaatan men use a larchwood horn that mimics the cry of a stag.

Tough and resilient, with round faces, short noses and widespread eyes, the Tsaatan are Turkic people, members of the Tuva ethnic group of southern Siberia, an area which has been subjected to wave after wave of marauding conquerors from the second century through to the Russians in 1914.

Today, the Tuva people are distributed, half in Russia and half in Mongolia, and it is the latter alone who have been given the name Tsaatan which means "those who have reindeer."

Hundreds of grey, white or black-backed animals move in a yearly cycle with the Tsaatan people.

The Tsaatan reindeer are smaller than the average, standing no more than four feet in height.

They are hardy, peaceful animals and they dictate the life of the Tsaatan from beginning to end. The fact that the reindeers eat only moss and mushrooms, found mostly at the top of the mountain peaks, forces the Tsaatan to settle there in winter; in spring they descend to the *lower levels but in summer they* head back up above the forest belt to escape the onslaught of flies and mosquitoes. And in autumn they descend back into the woody slopes, following the moss that the reindeers love so much.

The reindeers offer numerous advantages in return for all these journeys. First is milk, the mainstay of the Tsaatan world and the basis of their cheese, cream and yogurts.

Then there is the fat and the meat—a male animal yields from 110 to 130 lbs., half its weight. The skins are used as well, to make boots or to fabricate modern bags and bedcovers.

Finally, and a more recent development, the Tsaatan sell reindeer antlers—those of females and castrated males fall off in the spring—to pharmaceutical companies to be turned into "energy-inducing" products.

What's more, the Tsaatans often ride on the backs of their reindeer, despite their gait and speed being somewhat unpredictable. The animals are surefooted in high altitudes, and are able to trot along peacefully among the steep rocks and treacherous sheets of ice.

The Tsaatan people are the gypsies of Mongolia, seen as Bohemians and both scorned and feared. Their itinerant lifestyle is disturbing to many and they have a reputation for violence.

It's true, they are a tough-skinned lot, but that's hardly surprising as they live at an altitude of 9,000 feet in a merciless climate, far from any resources.

Families live in *urts*—tents similar to the tepees of North American natives, basically branches forming a cone and draped in canvas to offer protection from the cold in winter or the mosquitoes in summer. These daily hardships put their stamp on the Tsaatan lifestyle.

A child born in an *urt* faces the possibility of freezing temperatures, 86 degrees below. During his first few months he is bundled up snugly, but later, when he begins to crawl around, his playground is the tent floor—frozen earth strewn with icy rocks.

If he manages to survive these hardships, then he'll be a true Tsaatan. **(To be continued.)**

Election Profile

Mongolia's Ex-Communists Stunned by Election Defeat

ULAN BATOR (Reuter) — Mongolia's opposition Democratic Union Coalition stormed to a landslide victory on Monday in parliamentary elections, toppling the ex-communists who have ruled the vast land of steppes for 75 years.

The size of the Democrats' victory, capturing 48 seats in the 76-seat great Hural, or Parliament, up from just six in the 1992 elections surprised diplomats and the opposition itself.

"We have victory," Enkhsaikhan, head of the coalition that allies the two main opposition parties, the National Democratic Party (NDP) and the Social Democratic Party (SDP), told Reuters.

"There has been a big change in voters' thinking, in the feeling of knowing their freedom and the desire for development," Enkhsaikhan said.



Gonchigdorj

Sunday's polls were the second for the great Hural under a post-communist constitution adopted in 1992 after democratic protests ended communist rule in 1990.

The opposition coalition won 48 seats, with the NDP capturing 33 and the SDP taking 12. Non-party candidates running under the coalition banner won three seats, Election Committee Chief Ihagrasuren told reporters.

The formerly communist Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party (MPRP) saw its commanding 70-seat majority slashed to 23. Results of the final five seats had yet to be tallied.

Voter turnout was about 87.3 percent, Ihagrasuren said.

A cheering crowd of hundreds—dancing, hugging each other and weeping for joy at the surprise victory—greeted victorious coalition officials at their headquarters shortly after the election committee announced the initial results.

"This means for the coalition and for us that for the first time...in the contemporary history of Mongolia, we are democratic," SDP party chief Gonchigdorj said in an interview.

"Today I'm feeling, as a person and citizen of democratic Mongolia, that democracy will really develop," said Gonchigdorj, who scored an upset to defeat Deputy Prime Minister Purevdorj.

Officials of the MPRP refused to make a formal comment.

Analysts said the polls appeared free and fair, with much of the voting split along age lines. Older voters opted for the MPRP, while the younger favored the opposition which campaigned for faster economic liberalisation and political reform.

"I don't think anyone considered they would actually win, including themselves," said a Western diplomat. "It's a total surprise."

Coalition officials said the immediate task was to focus on forming a government and to tackle economic and social ills that have racked the land of 2.3 million people in its transition from Soviet-style planning to free market democracy.

Gonchigdorj declined to comment on whom the coalition would nominate for prime minister but said he was a likely candidate for speaker of parliament.

Laughter Capsules

Cat on the Roof!

One sunny day recently my husband dashed out of the house into our van and set off (late) for work. A few hundred yards down the road he had to stop at the traffic lights. Then someone came over, tapped on his window and said, "Did you know there's a cat on your roof?" Sure enough, when he got out to look, there stood our family pet on the roof rack looking decidedly shocked by this rude interruption *to his doze in the sun*. I don't know who was more shaken by the experience, the cat or my husband.

Ancient Pot?

While on holiday recently, my family and I visited some ancient temples. Behind some large stones, we heard someone saying, "I wonder what date this is?" Thinking we were about to discover something of real historic value, we turned the corner only to find a group of tourists lunching on the grass. That voice was of a woman in the group checking her can of preserved beef to find the expiration date!

The Mail

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you with regret about an article which appeared in your June 20 issue regarding a mother and her daughter who were both killed innocently by a Turkish diplomat on May 14.

As indicated, it is indeed strange why under the Islamic Republic's laws he was allowed to leave the country without even being interrogated and punished according to Islamic laws.

We know that the two Islamic countries have very good relations in a variety of issues and I have been following their expansion of ties at high level in many editions of your newspaper. It is too surprising to see that silence surrounds the accident. I feel that he will be judged by God if he leaves the country for good and it would be better for him to face judgment.

On the eve of judiciary week, considering that we are now pushing for improvements in the judiciary, I call on the commission's reporter in a seminar on the performance of the judiciary to report and explain the issue.

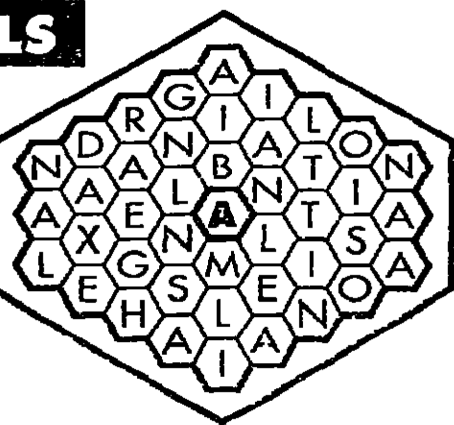
I hope that the judiciary will uphold everybody's right to demand justice for all and that the situation would be explained. I regret not having taken part in the ceremony and I send my condolence to the family of the victims.

Sincerely,
Khosro Westaei
Manouchehri St., Tehran

Brain Teaser

HEX-CELLS

Starting with the centre letter each time and moving from cell to cell in any direction, find six words all connected with the clue. Any unused letters form another word, also connected.



CLUE:
Girls'names

(Answers will appear next week.)

Answers to Last Week's Brain Teaser: Chocolate, caramel, cheese, chicken, chutney, crumpet. Mystery Word: Cream

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1976 - Israeli commando unit travels 2,500 miles (4,023 kilometers) to stage raid on Entebbe Airport in Uganda and rescue 103 hostages. Officials say 4 Israelis, 7 of the hijackers and about 20 Ugandan soldiers are killed.

1990 - Kremlin lifts 10-week rail ban on movement of foodstuffs into Lithuania, ban was enacted in effort to quell republic's independence movement.

1991 - Former Soviet foreign minister Eduard Shevardnadze renounces his membership in the Communist Party as he refuses to submit to an internal investigation of his role in founding a democratic opposition movement.

1992 - Boris Yeltsin asks for delay in repaying Russia's foreign debt of $68 billion.

1993 - Abkhazian rebels seeking independence from Georgia advance within nine miles (15 kilometers) of Sukhumi, and both sides report heavy casualties.

1994 - Tutsi rebels seize most of Kigali and another key city in Rwanda.

CANDID CAMERA



TOMORROW IN HISTORY

1969 — Tom Mboya, Kenya's economic planning commissioner and likely successor to President Jomo Kenyatta, is assassinated in Nairobi.

1973 — Government of small Central African nation of Rwanda is overthrown in military coup.

1975 — Cape Verde Islands become independent after 500 years of Portuguese rule.

1977 — Pakistan army seizes power in bloodless coup that unseats Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

1989 — Sudan's ruling Junta decrees one-month unilateral ceasefire in war with rebels in southern Sudan.

1990 — Leaders of NATO countries approve proposal from President Bush to open alliance to visit Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

1991 — Nelson Mandela is named president of the African National Congress.

Short Story

The Door

By E. B. WHITE

Everything (he kept saying) is something it isn't. And everybody is always somewhere else. Maybe it was the city, being the city, that made him feel how queer everything was and that it was something else. Maybe (he kept thinking) it was the names of the things. The names were tex and frequently koid. Or they were flex and oid, or they were duroid (sani) or flexsan (duro), but everything was glass (but not quite glass) and the thing that you touched (the surface, washable, crease-resistant) was rubber, only it wasn't quite rubber and you didn't quite touch it but almost. The wall, which was glass but thrutex, turned out on being approached not to be a wall, it was something else, it was an opening or doorway —and the doorway (through which he saw himself approaching) turned out to be something else, it was a wall. And what he had eaten not having agreed with him.

He was in a washable house, but he wasn't sure. Now about those rats, he kept saying to himself. He meant the rats that the Professor had driven crazy by forcing them to deal with problems which were beyond the scope of rats, the insoluble problems. He meant the rats that had been trained to jump at the square card with the circle in the middle, and the card (because it was something it wasn't) would give way and let the rat into a place where the food was, but then one day it would be a trick played on the rat, and the card would be changed, and the rat would jump but the card wouldn't give way, and it was an impossible situation (for a rat) and the rat would go insane and into its eyes would come the unspeakably bright imploring look of the frustrated, and after the convulsions were over and the frantic racing around, then the passive stage would set in and the willingness to let anything be done to it, even if it was something else.

He didn't know which door (or wall) or opening in the house to jump at, to get through, because one was an opening that wasn't a door (it was a void, or koid) and the other was a wall that wasn't an opening, it was a sanitary cupboard of the same color. He caught a glimpse of his eyes staring into his eyes, in the thrutex, and in them was the expression he had seen in the picture of the rats — weary after convulsions and the frantic racing around, when they were willing and did not mind having anything done to them. More and more (he kept saying) I am confronted by a problem which is incapable of solution (for this time even if he chose the right door, there would be no food behind it) and that is what madness is, and things seeming different from what they are. He heard, in the house where he was, in the city to which he had gone (as toward a door which might, or might not, give way), a noise —not a loud noise but more of a low prefabricated humming. It came from a place in the base of the wall (or stat) where the flue carrying the filterable air was, and not far from the Minipiano, which was made of the same material nail-brushes are made of, and which was under the stairs. "This, too, has been tested," she said, pointing, but not at it, "and found viable." It wasn't a loud noise, he kept thinking, sorry that he had seen his eyes, even though it was through his own eyes that he had seen them.

First will come the convulsions (he said), then the exhaustion, them the willingness to let anything be done. "And you better believe it *will* be."

All his life he had been confronted by situations which were incapable of being solved, and there was a deliberateness behind all this, behind this changing of the card (or door), because they would always wait till you had learned to jump at the certain card (or door) —the one with the circle— and then they would change it on you. There have been so many doors changed on me, he said, in the last twenty years, but it is now becoming clear that it is an impossible situation., and the question is whether to jump again, even though they ruffle you in the rump with a blast of air —to make you jump. He wished he wasn't standing be the Minipiano. First they would teach you the prayers and the Psalms, and that would be the right door (the one with the circle), and the long sweet words with the holy sound, and that would be the one to jump at to get where the food was. Then one day you jumped and it didn't give way, so that all you got was the bump on the nose, and the first bewilderment, the first young bewilderment.

I don't know whether to tell her about the door they substituted or not, he said, the one with the equation on it and the picture of the amoeba reproducing itself by division. Or the one with the photostatic copy of the check for thirty-two dollars and fifty cents. But the jumping was so long ago, although the bump is ... how those old wounds hurt! Being crazy this way wouldn't be so bad if only, if only. If only when you put your foot forward to take a step, the ground wouldn't come up to meet your foot the way it does. And the same way in the street (only I may never get back to the street unless I jump at the right door), the curb coming up to meet your foot, anticipating ever so delicately the weight of the body, which is somewhere else. "We could take your name," she said, "and send it to you." And it wouldn't be so bad if only you could read a sentence all the way through without jumping (your thinking) there was that man out in Jersey, the one who started to chop his trees down, one by one, the man who began talking about how he would take his house to pieces, brick by brick because he face a problem incapable of solution, probably, so he began to hack at the trees in the yard, began to pluck with trembling fingers at the bricks in the house. Even if a house is not washable, it is worth taking down. It is not till later that the exhaustion sets in.

But it is inevitable that they will keep changing the doors on you, he said, because that is what they are for; and the thing is to get used to it and not let it unsettle the mind. But that would mean not jumping, and you can't. Nobody can not jump. There will be no not-jumping. Among rats, perhaps, but among people never. Everybody has to keep jumping at a door (the one with the circle on it) because that is the way everybody is, especially some people. You wouldn't want me, standing here to tell you, would you, about my friend the poet (deceased) who said, "My heart has followed all my days something I cannot name"? (It had the circle on it.) And like many poets, although *few* so beloved, he is gone. It killed him, the jumping first, of course, there were the preliminary bouts, the convulsions, and the calm and the willingness.

I remember the door with the picture of the girl on it (only it was spring), her arms outstretched in loveliness, her dress (it was the one with the circle on it) uncaught, beginning the slow, clear, blinding cascade — and I guess we would all like to try that door again, for it seemed like the way and for a while it was the way, the door would open and you would go through winged and exalted (like any rat) and the food would be there, the way the Professor has it arranged, everything O.K., and you had chosen the right door for the world was young. The time they changed that door on me, my nose bled for a hundred hours — how do you like that, Madam? Or would you prefer to show me further through this so strange house, or you could take my name and send it to me, for although my heart has followed all my days something I cannot name, I am tired of the jumping and I do not know which way to go, Madam and I am not even sure that I am not tired beyond the endurance of man (rat, if you will) and have taken leave of sanity. What are you following these days, old friend, after your recovery from the last bump? What is the name, or is it something you cannot name? The rats have a name for it by this time, perhaps, but I don't know what they call it. I call it plexikoid and it comes in sheets, something like insulating board, unattainable and ugli-proof.

And there was the man out in Jersey, because I keep thinking about his terrible necessity and the passion and trouble he had gone to all those years in the indescribable abundance of a householder's detail, building the estate and the planting of the trees and in spring the lawn-dressing and in fall the bulbs for the spring burgeoning, and the watering of the grass on the long light evenings in summer and the gravel for the driveway (all had to be thought out, planned) and the decorative borders, probably, the perennials and the bug spray, and the building of the house from plans of the architect, first the sills, then the stud, then the full corn in the ear, the floors laid on the floor timbers, smoothed, and then the carpets upon the smooth floors and the curtains and the rods therefor. And then, almost without warning, he would be jumping at the same old door and it wouldn't give: they had changed it on him, making life no longer supportable under the elms in the elm shade, under the maples in the maple shad.

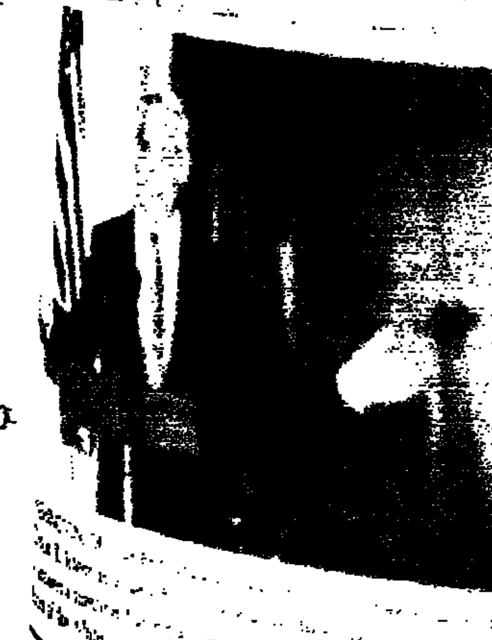
"Here you have the maximum of openness in a small room."

It was impossible to say (maybe it was the city) what made him feel the way he did, and I am not the only one either, he kept thinking —ask any doctor if I am. The doctors, they know how many there are, they even know the where the trouble is only they don't like to tell you about the prefrontal lobe because that means making a hole in your skull and removing the work of centuries. It took so long coming, this lobe, so many, many years. (Is it something you read in the paper, perhaps) And now, the stain being so great, the door having been changed by the Professor once too often... but it only means a whiff of ether, a few deft strokes, and the higher animal becomes a little easier in his mind and more like the lower one. From now on, you see, that's the way it will be, the ones with the small prefrontal lobs will win because the other ones are hurt too much, eh, Doctor? (And what is that, pray, that you have in your hand?) Still, you never can tell, eh, Madam?

He crossed (carefully) the room, the thick carpet under him softly, and went towards the door carefully, which was glass and he could see himself in it, and which, at his approach, opened to allow him to pass through; and beyond he half expected to find one of the old doors that he had known, perhaps the one with the circle, the one with the girls her arms outstretched in loveliness and beauty before him. But he saw instead a moving stairway, and descended in light (he kept thinking) to the street below and to the other people. As he stepped off, the ground came up slightly, to meet his foot.

Stories of Nasreddin

SWEET QUARRELS



One day Nasreddin quarrelled with his wife. He shouted at her till she could not bear it and fled to her neighbor's house.

Nasreddin followed her there. The neighbor managed to placate the angry husband and served the couple tea and sweetmeats.

When they returned to their house some time later, they began quarreling again. Nasreddin began shouting at her, his wife again opened the door to run out.

"This time, go to the baker's house," he advised. "He makes delicious cakes."

